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Important action is taking place in the boxing world, with a number of champions placing their titles on the line and some getting ready in the training camps for the big fights.

As we go to press, Champion Hogan (Kid) Bassey and Davey Moore are ready to meet in Los Angeles in a world featherweight title bout. The June issue of the Ring will bring you the complete story of that outstanding battle, plus photos, and the plans of the winner.

The return bout between welterweight champion Don Jordan and Virgil Akins, set in St. Louis, will also be covered by your favorite boxing magazine in the next issue.

In addition, the latest developments on the two big fights of the year, the world light heavyweight title bout between Archie Moore and Ray Robinson, and the heavyweight championship match between Floyd Patterson and Ingemar Johansson will be discussed, as The Ring lets you know how they shape up in the training camps.

Anxiously watching the outcome of the Patterson-Johansson bout will be Sonny Liston, hard-hitting Philadelphia heavyweight who may be challenging for the crown shortly. Read the interesting life story of this colorful battler in the next issue.

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Patterson-Johansson Title Bout Brings Big Time Boxing Back To New York

HEAVY ACTION!

By DANIEL M. DANIEL

THE first step in the restoration of New York as the center of sports in our country, came with the announcement of Bill Rosensohn that the Floyd Patterson-Ingemar Johansson world heavyweight championship fight will be staged at the Yankee Stadium on Tuesday, June 23. The decision of the 39 year old promoter, ended six weeks of bidding by eleven cities for the plum.

The deal was clinched when William Zeckendorf and his son William, Jr., major real estate and hotel operators, offered Rosensohn $600,000 guarantee, the largest in the history of boxing, to bring the international battle to New York. Under the terms agreed upon, it is impossible for the youthful promoter who is now definitely set up as a top rival to both the Madison Square Garden Boxing Club and Jim Norris' National Boxing Enterprises, to lose any money. If the fight receipts fall below $600,000 the Zeckendorfs will make up the difference but the underwriters will have no share in any profits from either the gate receipts or the extras. Television, which is certain to bring in another $300,000 which is the bid of the National Broadcasting Company according to Tom Gallery, its sports representatives, or from the movies, which is in the event of a Johansson victory or a fine performance by the Swede, will do a mint, especially overseas.

Thus Rosensohn pulled off a splendid deal for himself, Cus D'Amato and the fighters, who are to share on a 40 and 20 percent basis of all moneys, with a guarantee of $300,000 for the champion and $100,000 for the challenger.

An analysis of the deal brings out a point far more outstanding than the signing of a heavyweight title bout for the city. Henceforth Jim Norris and the Garden outfits will not find a clear road for their fight promotions. They will have keen opposition from sources with an abundance of money to back their bids for the best in championship fights. Henceforth, based on the announcement of the elder Zeckendorf, Rosensohn and promoters of other major events, can depend on the Zeckendorfs and their affiliates for backing in sports events that will keep New York City on the fistic map as the sports center.

"Cities have put up guarantees for conventions and other business attractions," said Bill Zeckendorf, Jr., *"and now we in the hotel business find it is to our interest and that of our city to bring the heavyweight championship fight to New York,"* and, added his father, *"any other major boxing events, pro and college football and baseball."* It will be recalled that he had offered to purchase the Brooklyn Dodgers before the club moved to California.

General Melvin L. Krulewitch, chairman of the New York Boxing Commission, Mayor Wagner, the city's Department of Commerce, the New York Convention Bureau and other civic bodies went all out to get the heavyweight bout to New York but it was not until a few hours before the final announcement was made, that it was definitely clinched when the Zeckendorfs decided personally to underwrite the promotion.

With ringside tickets selling for $50, the fabulous guarantee of $600,000, the enormous sum that will come from TV and radio rights, and the movie sales, the bout is certain to reach a million dollars or close to it, regardless of the attendance. The largest Radio and TV guarantee ever paid was that by the Gillette Razor Company for the fight in which Rocky Marciano knocked out Jersey Joe Walcott in 2:25 of the opening round in Chicago. Gillette paid $275,000. The NBC had offered Cus D'Amato $300,000 for the proposed Nino Valdes-Patterson fight in the Garden which never came off.

They may call Bill Rosensohn a boy promoter—inexperienced—but he must be given credit for pulling off the best and biggest deal ever consummated in boxing. When Gene Tunney signed for his fight with Tom Heeney—Tunney's final boxing contest—he received a guarantee of $500,000 from Tex Rickard, but the gate receipts amounted only to $691,014, leaving Rickard holding the bag for a loss of $152,000. The Zeckendorfs declared in announcing the

A happy group at clinching of world heavyweight championship bout between Floyd Patterson and Ingemar Johansson of Sweden for New York City's Yankee Stadium on June 23. One of America's wealthiest concerns, the Zeckendorf real estate and hotel operators, brought the fight to New York by underwriting the bout with a guarantee of $600,000. It is their aim to bring back New York City as the world center of sports.

Left to right lower row:—Cus D'Amato, manager of Patterson; Richard Patterson, Jr., New York's Commissioner of Commerce; Major General Melvin L. Krulewitch, chairman of the New York Boxing Commission; William Rosensohn, promoter; William Zeckendorf, Sr., hotel and real estate mogul. (Upper row)—William Zeckendorf, Jr., and Bill Tackman.

part they played in bringing the Patterson-Johansson fight to New York: *"The business which the fight will bring to our hotels, and other merchants, will run into $60,000,000. New York was once the greatest sports center in the world and we expect to bring that title back with this fight and other events."*

With the world heavyweight championship fight, signed, sealed and delivered, with site and date now decided upon, both the champion, and the Swedish challenger, have stepped up their training.

However, in the interim, neither man was lax in attempting to put himself in the best possible condition, both realizing the possibility of negotiations going on for quite a length of time and a delay in getting down to business in training might prove costly to them.

Patterson has for many weeks been in Eshan's camp in Summit, N. J., and has absorbed a steady diet of road work and gymnasium work, determined that this time he would not be caught flat-footed.

In addition to "settling down" process in camp, Floyd had also assembled his sparring partners for the more serious business of training and engaging in a number of exhibitions.

He has now entered the more serious phases of his training, confident that by the time he meets Johansson he will have dissolved the rust that must come with inactivity, and be primed for the challenge of the No. 1 contender.

Johansson, on the other hand, after visiting New York earlier this winter for a series of talks and ironing out of contractual matters, returned to his native land, with one thought in mind, to beat Patterson he must be in superb condition and could leave nothing to chance.

Ingemar, while awaiting word from New York, toured the Scandinavian cities with his brother, giving exhibitions and tuning up for the final assault on the heavyweight championship. He has done much to create interest in these countries and as a by-product, has aided no end in establishing boxing on a strong foothold once again in that sector of the fight world.

Now he is back in the States preparing for his most important fight, the most important international match to be held in the last twenty years. There is a growing respect for the challenger. There are many who have seen him abroad or who have read about him, who believe that the Swede has it in him to wrest the crown from the champion, among them Al Weill, who managed Rocky Marciano. But Marciano casts his vote for Patterson, and as a former heavyweight king, his opinion goes a long way.

Interviewed in Florida, Rocky said: *"Patterson is a lot better fighter than he has been getting credit for being. Floyd is not a devastating puncher. He is not likely to knock an opponent out with one wallop, but he works hard, wears one down and sets his man up for the kayo. That's why I like him. He did that as you recall against Roy Harris. Patterson hasn't helped himself by inactivity, but he trains regularly and is physically fit."*

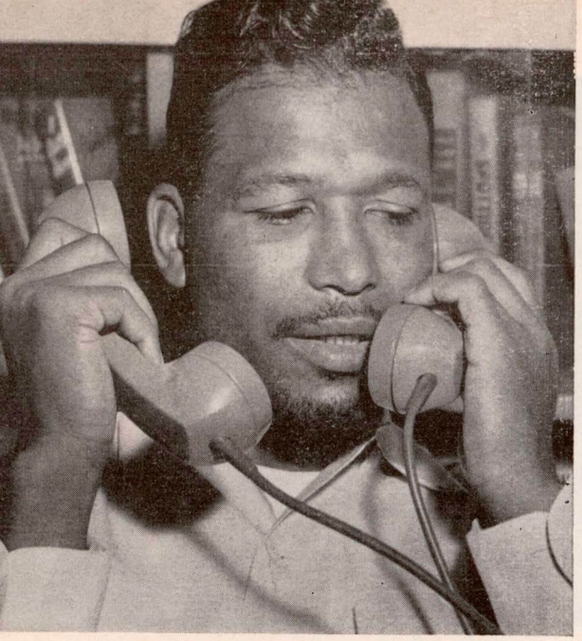
Weill, on the other hand, who brought Marciano up from a raw notive to the world crown, thinks highly of Johansson's chances.

"Don't let anybody tell you that Johansson is not a good fighter," said Al down in Miami. *"I wish I had him. He is a rugged, good puncher, in great condition. He is a strong, healthy man at the right weight, very ambitious, a kind of American type heavyweight.*

"I don't call Johansson a finished fighter, by any means. But he could beat Patterson, who has not been seeing enough action."

Weill indicated that D'Amato's restricted programme for Floyd had prevented the champion from proving his true value and rating.

But that now is old stuff. There has been no true index to Floyd's capabilities. The Johansson fight should go a long way to settle a lot of arguments. Either Patterson will rise in stature, or pass out as the champion.



Sugar Ray Robinson (above) had the telephone wires burning up as he dickered back and forth and finally landed another opportunity at the light heavyweight title, his second try at becoming third man to hold three titles.

MOORE + ROBINSON = MONEY

TITLE MATCH INVOLVING TWO WORLD CHAMPIONS ALL SET WHILE CARMEN BASILIO IS OUT IN THE COLD

By JOHNNY SALAK

ARCHIE Moore and Ray Robinson will fight it out in one of the biggest money making bouts of the year. This match, long contemplated, was the result of a series of talks which developed into one of the most entangling and intriguing triangles the boxing game has ever seen.

It will be one of the rarer occasions in boxing history, with a title match involving two champions. At the time of writing, nothing has as yet been announced, but Moore, world light heavyweight champion, has contracted to defend his title against Sugar Ray, world middleweight champion.

The date: sometime in June—and it is hoped that it will not conflict with another big fight, the world heavyweight championship bout between Floyd Patterson and Ingemar Johansson, set for June 23 at Yankee Stadium, N. Y.

The site: while the promoters cast an anxious eye at New York, it appears that the prize bout will go to Los Angeles.

As for the triangle, for a long while everyone wanted to fight everyone, or did want to fight anyone, for the right money. And, for a long while, the only battling that was done was at conference tables and in the newspapers.

Moore, who challenged every heavyweight in the world (it seems), wanted to fight Robinson. Carmen Basilio wanted to take on Robinson in a rubber match. Basilio, seemingly thwarted in his attempt at forcing a match, came out in the belief that a fight involving Moore and himself, for the light heavyweight title, would be the one to make. Robinson wanted to fight, first Basilio, then Moore.

To further infuriate and confuse the picture, at the last moment, after young Bill Rosensohn had definitely announced his world heavyweight championship match involving Patterson and Johansson with a June 23 date at the Yankee Stadium, he too stepped into the picture, intent on the possibility that he might promote the Moore-Robinson fight.

However, this appeared to be banging at the door after it had been padlocked. For it seems a certainty that the match is sewed up by the National Boxing Enterprise, the Chicago chapter of the once powerful, now dissolving International Boxing Club. They have the bout tucked away after a long battle between the participants over percentages and rights. Withholding of the announcement and the actual date and site, it would appear, was based on clarification of certain standards set up by the Judge Ryan's anti-trust ruling which had been upheld by the Supreme Court. This, however, is conjecture.

The battle between champions, with one well past forty and the other reaching for the mark, is nevertheless one which should prove to be a dollar-bill bonanza and, while tieing up two divisions, could provide interest which will eventually lead to other big matches.

That Basilio is straining on the leash in an effort to get back into title action, depending on Ray Robinson to give him a chance to regain the world middleweight title, is an important fact not to be overlooked. It has been a year now, this past March 25, since the two met with Robinson winning the title for the fifth time.

Robinson has been away from the wars since then; Basilio has only encountered Art Aragon in a debacle at Los Angeles last September. Moore? Ancient Archie has kept himself very much active, bouncing around from a world championship defense of his light heavyweight title, to a mixed bout with a wrestler.

Stepping into the scene as a prod over the inactivity of the middleweight title is the National Boxing Association relative to Robinson's indecision to a defense of his title.

Tony Maceroni, a vice president of the N. B. A., charged that Robinson's delay in determining whether he would defend his title or challenge Moore for the latter's crown had caused a serious situation in the middleweight division and is a detriment to boxing.

"Here we have the most active division in boxing facing another year with no title defense," said Maceroni.

Robinson, according to the N. B. A. official, had attended the last meeting of the N. B. A. executive committee in January and promised he would announce his plans on a title defense in the near future.

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The Ancient Mariner, Archie Moore (below), skippered the deal which brought the big money his way. The match is a big money maker.

(right) Carmen Basilio, who lost the middleweight title to Ray Robinson a year ago, takes dead aim at the champion, but only for fun as the elusive target has flown away.

This was the great battle of 1958, in which Sugar Ray Robinson (right) won the world middleweight title for an unprecedented fifth time, by decisioning a game but badly hampered Carmen Basilio who was fighting most of the battle with a closed eye.

A FOREIGN FLAVOR

By LESTER BROMBERG

Don Cockell (above) was the last foreigner to engage in an international heavyweight championship match, being stopped by Rocky Marciano in 1955.

Have Trunk, Will Travel. Max Schmeling of Germany made a number of trips to the U. S., during which time he won the world heavyweight championship, in 1930.

YOU'LL pardon the cross-reference but championship fights are like cheese—they come domestic or foreign. Because we know the home product pretty well, we take it for granted, even if it is tasty. But the foreign? Ah, sweet mystery of strangeness. . . . deservedly or not, it makes the palate believe it has a flavor both unique and superior. The net result is the average citizen is willing, not eager, to pay more for it.

So it happens that a heavyweight bout this summer between Floyd Patterson, America's world titleholder, and Ingemar Johansson, Swedish challenger and No. 1 world contender, evokes trappings we haven't had in many years.

Strictly speaking, there was an international heavyweight title fight in 1955, when Rocky Marciano knocked out Don Cockell of Great Britain in nine rounds at San Francisco. It didn't rate, though. It was minor league, in gate, 15,235 paying $196,720, and in its overall aspects. Nobody had expected much of Cockell; he didn't do much. Only Rocky's rustiness was to make it a contest. Within less than a year he had retired.

To gather a richer picture of what an international heavyweight fight brings with it, one must go further back, in fact to the reign of Joe Louis. Two of his defenses were bona fide global spectaculars, with Tommy Farr of Great Britain and Max Schmeling of Germany, in 1937 and 1938. Coming in a harder-dollar era than the present, they drew authentic money, 32,000 and $325,707, and 70,000 and $1,015,012. Louis' disposal of Farr in 15 rounds proved a much better fight than most anticipated, the Briton being gamely stubborn. And Joe's annihilation of Der Max in 2:04 of the first round, was drama itself, as well as full revenge for his knockout by the German two years earlier when Louis had not yet gained the title.

Basically, however, at this time we're not interested in recapping the contests as such. What is intriguing is what one recalls in distinctive aspects of these international ring personalities.

Take Tommy Farr. A one time miner from Wales, with a legend of booth fighting in the British countryside behind him, Farr arrived with brash self-confidence.

When he was asked why he believed that he, as a British heavyweight, should be regarded as any better than the Joe Beckett-Phil Scott crop, Tommy said: *"Mon, to begin with, I'm not English, I'm Welsh. . . . to me, that makes a difference. As for the rest, I can fight, you'll see."*

Tommy came here while yet under the management of Ted Broadrib, with whom he had quarreled and from whom he was to separate himself not long thereafter.

His relationship with Ted was as odd as a three-dollar bill. They seldom spoke to each other. Their arrangements generally were worked out through Babe Culnan, veteran American figure who was an old friend of Broadrib's and his American representative.

TOMMY'S SUN BATH IN JERSEY PROVED COSTLY

Largely at the suggestion of Culnan, a lifelong New Jersey resident, and encouraged by Mike Jacobs, the promoter, who had a home in nearby Rumson, Farr chose seaside Long Branch as his training site.

It was a late-August match and Tommy's conditioning period ran through the hottest part of the summer. Quite correctly, Culnan warned Farr to protect himself against the sun in his workouts which were in the open at a former dog track.

"Cover myself up, mon, in this glorious sunshine?" Tommy said. *"I've been too long in my life in the dark of the mines. This is health, the fine sun in the fresh ocean air. The more I get, the better."*

He boxed for the press one afternoon, bare from the waist up. Some writers, noting his pallid skin, not even covered with an oil to ameliorate the sun, said to Culnan:

"Babe, he's going to be grilled like a hot dog, you ought to have him covered up."

Culnan responded helplessly: *"I know, I told him."* He added, with a wry smile: *"He thinks I'm trying to gyp him*

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(Above) Tommy Farr of Wales (wearing shirt) once tried to soak up all the American sun, the one-time coal miner getting a blistered back in the bargain. (Left) Ingemar Johansson of Sweden, visiting New York, sets his sights at the top, and hopes to dethrone world heavyweight champion Floyd Patterson.

By NAT FLEISCHER

WORLD RATINGS

RING RATINGS FOR THE MONTH ENDING MARCH 19

HEAVYWEIGHTS

(Over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
FLOYD PATTERSON, Brooklyn, N. Y.

1—**INGEMAR JOHANSSON,** Sweden
2—**ZORA FOLLEY,** Chandler, Ariz.
3—**HENRY COOPER,** England
4—**SONNY LISTON,** Philadelphia, Pa.
5—**EDDIE MACHEN,** Redding, Calif.
6—**NINO VALDES,** Cuba
7—**WILLIE PASTRANO,** New Orleans, La.
8—**BRIAN LONDON,** England
9—**CHARLIE POWELL,** San Diego, Calif.
10—**JOE ERSKINE,** Wales

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

(Not over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
ARCHIE MOORE, San Diego, Calif.

1—**HAROLD JOHNSON,** Philadelphia, Pa.
2—**TONY ANTHONY,** New York, N. Y.
3—**YVON DURELLE,** Canada
4—**ERICH SCHOPPNER,** Germany
5—**SONNY RAY,** Chicago, Ill.
6—**MIKE HOLT,** South Africa
7—**JOHNNY HALAFIHI,** Tonga
8—**JESSE BOWDRY,** St. Louis, Mo.
9—**DOGOMAR MARTINEZ,** Uruguay
10—**JERRY LUEDEE,** New Haven, Conn.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

(Not over 160 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
RAY ROBINSON, New York, N. Y.

1—**CARMEN BASILIO,** Syracuse, N. Y.
2—**GENE FULLMER,** West Jordan, Utah
3—**SPIDER WEBB,** Chicago, Ill.
4—**GUSTAV SCHOLZ,** Germany
5—**RALPH (Tiger) JONES,** Yonkers, N. Y.
6—**HOLLY MIMS,** Washington, D. C.
7—**JOEY GIARDELLO,** Philadelphia, Pa.
8—**BOBBY BOYD,** Chicago, Ill.
9—**RORY CALHOUN,** White Plains, N. Y.
10—**GENE ARMSTRONG,** Elizabeth, N. J.

WELTERWEIGHTS

(Not over 147 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
DON JORDAN, Los Angeles, Calif.

1—**VIRGIL AKINS,** St. Louis, Mo.
2—**SUGAR HART,** Philadelphia, Pa.
3—**DEL FLANAGAN,** St. Paul, Minn.
4—**RALPH DUPAS,** New Orleans, La.
5—**ISAAC LOGART,** Cuba
6—**GASPAR ORTEGA,** Mexico
7—**DENNY MOYER,** Portland, Oregon
8—**VINCE MARTINEZ,** Paterson, N. J.
9—**GIL TURNER,** Philadelphia, Pa.
10—**EMLIO MARCONI,** Italy

LIGHTWEIGHTS

(Not over 135 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
JOE BROWN, New Orleans, La.

1—**KENNY LANE,** Muskegon, Mich.
2—**CARLOS ORTIZ,** New York, N. Y.
3—**DUILIO LOI,** Italy
4—**PAOLO ROSI,** New York, N. Y.
5—**JOHNNY BUSSO,** New York, N. Y.
6—**WILLIE TOWEEL,** South Africa
7—**PAUL ARMSTEAD,** Los Angeles, Calif.
8—**JOHNNY GONSALVES,** Oakland, Calif.
9—**DAVE CHARNLEY,** England
10—**GUY GRACIA,** France

FEATHERWEIGHTS

(Not over 126 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
DAVEY MOORE, Springfield, O.

1—**HOGAN (Kid) BASSEY,** Nigeria
2—**PAUL JORGENSEN,** Port Arthur, Tex.
3—**FLASH ELORDE,** Philippines
4—**GRACIEUX LAMPERTI,** France
5—**RICARDO GONZALEZ,** Argentina
6—**IKE CHESTNUT,** New York, N. Y.
7—**SERGIO CAPRARI,** Italy
8—**VICTOR (Sonny) LEON,** Venezuela
9—**MANOLO GARCIA, Spain**
10—**PERCY LEWIS,** Trinidad, BWI.

BANTAMWEIGHTS

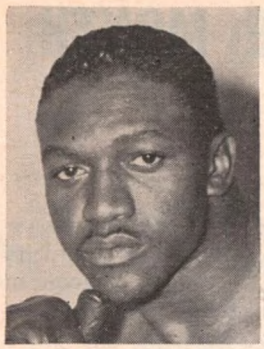
(Not over 118 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
ALPHONSE HALIMI, France

1—**PIERO ROLLO,** Italy
2—**LEO ESPINOSA,** Philippines
3—**JOSE LOPEZ,** Mexico
4—**JOE BECERRA,** Mexico
5—**MARIO D'AGATA,** Italy
6—**MANUEL ARMENTEROS,** Cuba
7—**KIYOSHI MIURA,** Japan
8—**AL ASUNCION,** Philippines
9—**ERNESTO MIRANDA,** Argentina
10—**FREDDIE GILROY,** Ireland

FLYWEIGHTS

(Not over 112 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
PASCUAL PEREZ, Argentina

1—**SADAO YAOITA,** Japan
2—**PONE KINGPETCH,** Thailand
3—**RAMON ARIAS,** Venezuela
4—**YOUNG MARTIN,** Spain
5—**DOMMY URSUA,** Philippines
6—**MIMUN BEN ALI,** Spain
7—**MARIO DeLEON,** Mexico
8—**JOE MEDEL,** Mexico
9—**CARLOS MIRANDA,** Argentina
10—**HORACIO ACCAVALLO,** Argentina



CHARLEY POWELL
Fighter of the Month

THE biggest shake-up in the heavyweight division's international ratings in many months comes with this issue as a result of the stunning knockout of Nino Valdes of Cuba by Charlie Powell of San Diego, a former pro football star; the victory of Joe Erskine of Wales over Willie Pastrano of New Orleans; the knockout of Mike DeJohn of Syracuse by Sonny Liston of Philadelphia, and the return to action of Eddie Machen of Redding, Calif. The changes in the ratings bring three British heavyweights into the first ten for the first time since our selections began in 1926, with Henry Cooper, Brian London and Erskine occupying a place among the elite.

The recent defeats of top heavyweights has enabled Ingemar Johansson of Sweden to strengthen his hold as the top contender and definitely gives him the right to meet Floyd Patterson for the title, a match already made. Valdes has eliminated himself from further consideration and has dropped from second post to sixth, with Zora Folley advancing to the vacated position, Henry Cooper going up one to third, Sonny Liston moving up to fourth and Machen, victor over Young Jack Johnson in his latest contest, advancing to fifth position.

With Archie Moore concentrating on another defense of his light heavyweight title, he has been removed from the heavyweight rankings and the vacancy has been filled by Joe Erskine, now rated tenth. Willie Pastrano, whom Erskine whipped by a close margin, went down from fifth to seventh.

To Powell goes the Fighter of the Month Award. His performance was by far the best.

Action was scarce in the light heavyweight division, with no changes recorded. Several, though are listed among the middleweights.

The one round kayo of Bobby Boyd by Spider Webb put Boyd down from sixth to eighth place. Ralph Jones advanced to fifth from seventh and Holly Mims went down a peg from fifth to sixth. Joey Giardello also advanced one, from eighth to seventh.

The welterweight class saw Gerald Gray, loser to Ralph Dupas, being removed and Emilio Marconi of Italy replacing him in tenth post.

A defeat by Guy Garcia cost Dave Charnley of England his fifth post among the lightweights. He now occupies ninth position with Johnny Busso of New York and Willie Toweel of South Africa each up one peg, to fifth and sixth, respectively.

As we go to press, Hogan (Kid) Bassey defends his featherweight title against Davey Moore of Springfield, Ohio, hence changes in that division will await our next issue.

Pone Kingpetch of Thailand, who is clamoring for a shot at Pascual Perez's flyweight crown or Alphonse Halimi's bantam title, added Manuel Armenteros of Cuba to his victims as a result of which Pone advanced in the flyweight sector from fourth to second place contender. Armenteros dropped from fifth to sixth in the bantam class, trading posts with former champion Mario D'Agata.

Al Asuncion of the Philippines, who defeated flyweight Dommy Ursua of the Philippines, went up from tenth to eighth position in the bantam ratings with Boots Monroe eliminated following two losses. His place is taken by Freddie Gilroy of Ireland, the British Empire champion.

Ramon Arias of Venezuela, upset by Hector Hicks, Panama bantam, gave way to Pone Kingpetch and is now in third place in the flyweight ranks and Young Martin of Spain dropped to fourth.

PROSPECTS FOR THE MONTH

HEAVYWEIGHTS—Stormy Love, Kansas City, Mo.
LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS—Don Prout, Providence, R. I.
MIDDLEWEIGHTS—Doug Jones, New York, N. Y.
WELTERWEIGHTS—Paul Stivaletta, Dedham, Mass.
LIGHTWEIGHTS—Chuck Whittaker, Los Angeles, Calif.
FEATHERWEIGHTS—Lloyd Dupas, Canada
BANTAMWEIGHTS—Richard Lara, El Paso, Texas
FLYWEIGHTS—Ronnie DeCost, Providence, R. I.

Here are the month's outstanding bouts:

HEAVYWEIGHTS

Charlie Powell scored a stunning upset by halting Nino Valdes, 8. Sonny Liston stopped Mike DeJohn, 6.

Joe Erskine upset Willie Pastrano, 10.

Eddie Machen returned to action and whipped Young Jack Johnson, 10.

Zora Folley outpointed Hank Thurman, 10. Joe Bygraves stopped Fred Kaho, 7.

Wayne Bethea kayoed Warnell Lester, 10. Alfredo Zuany won the vacant Mexican Crown kayoing Toro Cardenas, 2.

Bill Hunter defeated Bob Baker, 10. Finnish Champion Ilkka Koski trounced Spanish Champion Jose Gonzales, 8. Torner Ahsman starched Al Kramp, 8.

Dan Hodge kayoed Garvin Sawyer, 8. Larry Zernitz won from Monroe Ratliff, 10. Terry Lewis kayoed Dave Roy, 2.

Johnny Gray outpointed Ernest Terrell, 8. Alonzo Johnson defeated Charlie Forest, 8. Ollie Wilson halted Dusty Rhodes, 9.

Dave Rent kayoed Max Brianto, 4. Brianto also was beaten by Massimo Zanaboni, 10. Roy Bullock stopped Floyd Joyner, 5. Floyd had stopped Larry Melton, 4.

Bob Cleroux kayoed Sam Edwards, 3. Stormy Love kayoed Bill Everhart, 1. George Logan kayoed Al Norgira, 1.

Ray Augustus beat Del Nabors, 6. Gerry Tessier kayoed Isidore Barch, 2. Johnny James decisioned Danny Logan, 6.

Ocie Chatmon defeated Billy Fields, 6, and Ted Martin, 8. Benito Favato defeated Ike Thomas, 6. Rey Lopez kayoed Alberto Pearson, 2. Hastings Hart kayoed Junior Williams, 1.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

South African Champion Mike Holt outscored Jerry Luedee, 10.

Italian Champion Sante Amonti edged out Sam Langford, 10, and kayoed Lou Perry, 3. Dieter Wemhoner disposed of Domingo Lopez, 8. Archie Moore kayoed Sterling Davis, 3 (non-title).

Al Sparks bested Lou Bailey, 8. Monroe Ratliff lost to Heavyweight Larry Zernitz, 10.

Bob McKinney stopped Leroy Flamond, 3. Von Clay kayoed Jimmy Robinson, 4. Jimmy Monts whipped Floyd McCoy, 10. Floyd Palmer kayoed Bill Lanza, 2, and Andy Isaac, 4.

Freddie Blades outscored Willie Mack, 8. Joe Sullivan and Ted Martin drew, 6. Puggy Jones drew with Leonard Clark, 6. Lou Campanelli won from Ike Stevenson, 6, but was stopped by Willie Clemens, 2. Leslie Smith outscored Earl Atley, 6.

Curley Lee kayoed David Walker, 4. Don Prout kayoed Willie Wilson, 1. Bobby Sand kayoed Tony Burton, 4. Johnny Freitas kayoed Bob Bolton, 2. Kirk Barrow stopped Gordy Gladson, 4.

Gordon Farnsworth stopped Bolo Beaulieu, 6. Pekka Kokkonen recovered from knockdown to stop Jose Mariano Echevarria, 7. Jacques Dufreney outpointed Jacques Barlet, 10, and stopped Hubert Bouye, 4. Harry Floyd Smith beat Ray Walk, 6.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Former Champion Gene Fullmer outscored Wilf Greaves, 10. Spider Webb kayoed Bobby Boyd, 1.

Hans-Werner Wohlers won on disqualification from Randy Sandy, 7. Gene Armstrong outpointed Italo Scortichini, 10.

Henry Hank defeated Jimmy Beecham, 10. Three-times Olympic champion Laszlo Papp scored his sixth professional victory by beating Andre Drille, 10.

Jimmy Martinez outboxed Willie Vaughn, 12. Charlie Cotton defeated Sugar Boy Nando, 10. Ramon Hernandez whipped Jorge Castro, 10. Yama Bahama beat Wilf Greaves, 10.

Al Williams kayoed Chebo Hernandez, 6. George Benton kayoed Young Beau Jack, 1. Bobby Hughes defeated Pedro Gonzales, 10. Milo Savage defeated Nathan Ish, 10 and stopped Tony Montano, 7.

Battling Siki stopped Tony Baldona, 5. Jose Terres kayoed Eddie Wright, 5. Michel Diouf stopped British Champion Terry Downes, 6. Henry Hank kayoed George Boddie, 3.

Babe McCarron bested Nick Kovac, 10. Baby Colon won on a foul from Julio Carreras, 3. Roger Rouse kayoed Ernie Gibson, 3. Roscoe Shamblin stopped Benny Lee, 5.

Karl-Heinz Guder defeated Sonny Hett, 10. Bobby Moore stopped Don Trainor, 6. Tony Dominguez defeated Joe Neal, 8.

Joe DeNucci kayoed Ike Jenkins, 3. Allan Harmon stopped Ray Sheppard, 7. Sonny Hill beat Candy McClendon, 6. Jerry Hunnicutt whipped Billy Murray, 6.

Jesse Smith kayoed Candy McClendon, 3. Doug Jones bested Frank LaPola, 6. Eddie Connors kayoed Lee Williams, 3. Yvon Turenne stopped Wally Wilson, 5.

Tommy Della Rocca defeated Levi Pearson, 6. Paul Wright stopped Young Joe Walcott, 6. Clarence Riley defeated Jack Falkner, 6. Art Holliday stopped Johnny Pruitt, 3.

Abel Soudan regained Belgium title by kayoing Bob Stevens, 6. Gene Turley beat Truman Stevens, 6, Stevens stopped Jose Pompey, 3. Mickey Dwyer beat Sandi Chani, 5. Manolo Correa flattened Victoriano Olivares, 9, and decisioned Jose Escudero, 8.

John Keleo defeated Jimmy Foster, 6. Gunner Doerner defeated Henry Turner, 6. Cal Houston stopped Nolan Davis, 5.

Harry Budenski beat Cal Nathan, 6. Johnny Houston defeated Cleo Frazier, 6. Lee Ballard won from Elmer Shippe, 6.

WELTERWEIGHTS

Denny Moyer outpointed Vince Martinez, 10.

Luis Rodriguez stopped Joe Miceli, 5.

Stefan Redl and Eddie Jordan drew, 10, Eddie beat Mel Barker, 8. Billy Todd defeated Sandy Manuel, 12.

Rudy Sawyer defeated Rudy Gwin, 10. Cecil Shorts upset Benny Paret, 10. Alfredo Cota decisioned Arnoldo Gil, 10.

Billy Lynch stopped Frankie Anselm, 6. Danish Champion Chris Christensen decisioned French title-holder Jacques Herbillon, 10. Emil Griffith stopped Barry Allison, 5. David Perez scored over

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FIGHTS OF THE MONTH

SONNY LISTON (RIGHT) VS MIKE DE JOHN

SONNY LISTON, hard-hitting Philadelphia heavyweight rocked his way further up the ladder of ranking fighters when he stopped Mike DeJohn of Syracuse in eight rounds of a slugfest at Miami Beach. DeJohn was dropped for the first time in the six round.

In the eight he was down again and the referee stopped it as Mike was a badly beaten fighter. The victory, Sonny's 14th kayo while winning 23 of 24 fights was also his 16th in a row. The recent shuffling among the big boys now finds Liston in fourth ranking position.

The French Senegalese, Michel Diouf, scored a startling upset when he stopped the highly-touted Terry Downes, British middleweight champion and former U. S. Marine, at London, England. Downes, sustained a badly cut eye in the first round, had to retire in the fifth.

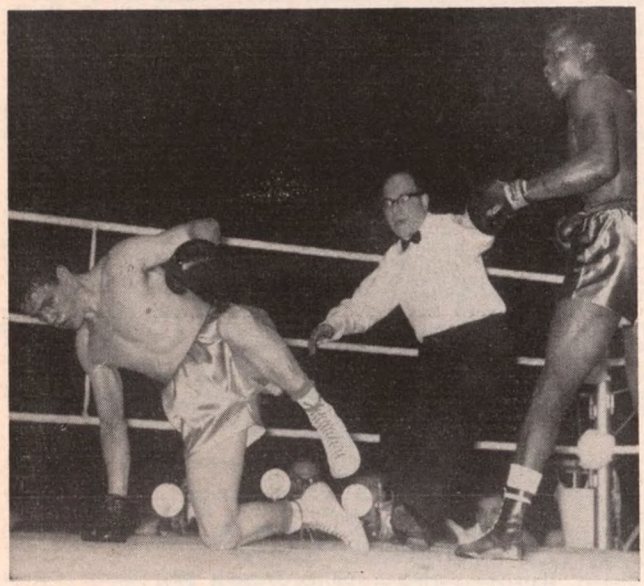
The defeat was a tough one for Downes, who was being touted as a summer foe for Ray Robinson or Carmen Basilio.

Frankie Ryff, classy New York lightweight, tangled with the Cisco Kid, Cisco Andrade of Compton, Calif., at Madison Square Garden, and won walking away as he handed his opponent a boxing lesson with jabs and hooks, as he gained a unanimous ten rounds decision.

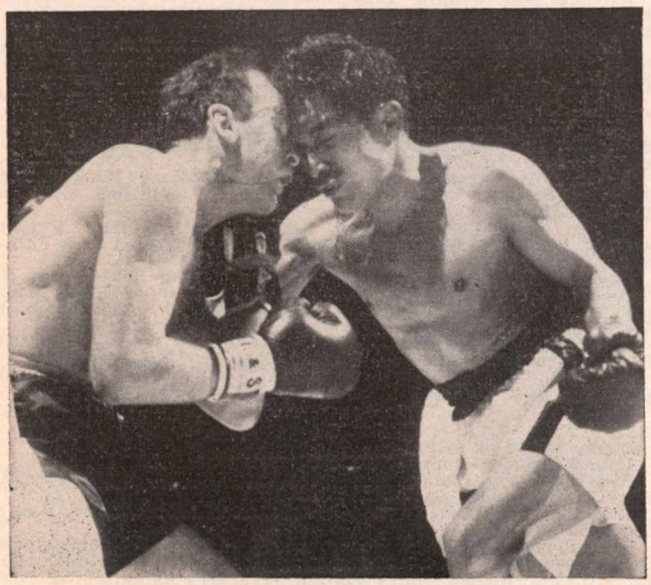
Andrade, who was bidding to regain a place among the top contenders, looked slow and was unable to cope with Frankie's faster punching and shifty movements. The win was a big step back for Ryff, who like Cisco once was among the ranking contenders.

Randy Sandy, American middleweight, far ahead on points in his bout at Dortmund, Germany, with Hans-Werner Wohlers, German champion, after warnings in two earlier rounds was disqualified in the seventh round for low blows.

Sandy was well in front when he was disqualified and he raised a fuss over the verdict. He stormed around the ring and protested to no avail. Wohlers, who was highly touted, lost prestige by his poor showing.



MICHEL DIOUF (RIGHT) VS TERRY DOWNES



CISCO ANDRADE (RIGHT) VS FRANKIE RYFF

RANDY SANDY (RIGHT) VS HANS WOHLERS

FIGHTS OF THE MONTH

SPIDER Webb of Chicago, one of the top ranking middleweights, cemented his high ranking when he scored a one round knockout over Bobby Boyd, also of Chicago, at Chicago. Boyd was dropped once for a count of nine and when stretched on the canvas for a second time the bout was stopped.

These two local rivals staged a real wing-ding while it lasted with Boyd rocking Webb with a left hook in the early moments of the contest as he came out swinging from the heels in an effort to gain revenge for a six round kayo loss suffered five years ago at the hands of Webb.

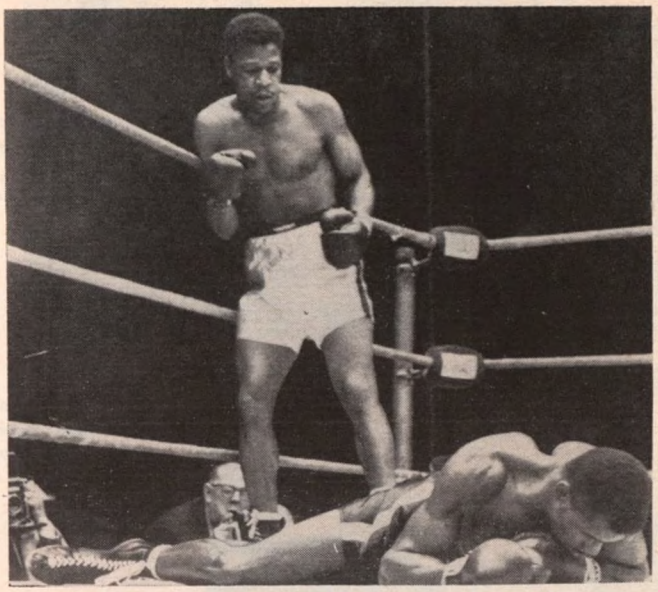
Jose Torres, popular Puerto Rican middleweight who fights out of New York, had an easy time of halting Eddie Wright of Brooklyn in a bout at Sunnyside Gardens, New York. The bout came to an abrupt end in the fifth round.

Joe Erskine of Wales became the third British heavyweight rated among the first ten in the world when he defeated Willie Pastrano of America at London, England. The international bout was a ten rounder.

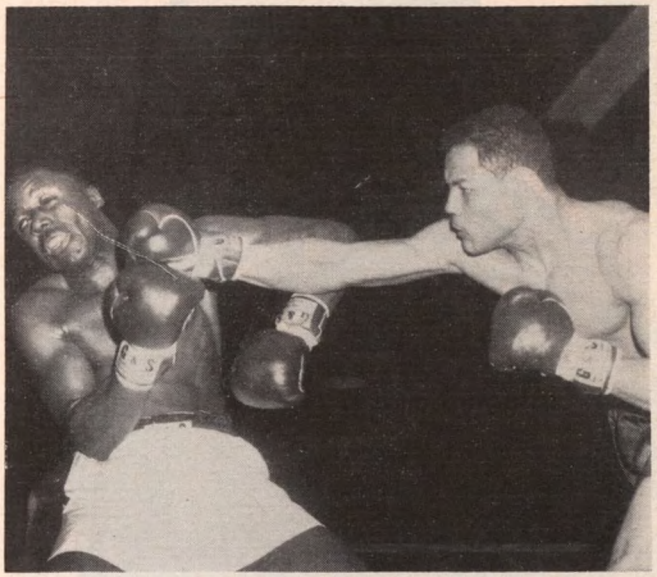
These two swift moving, light hitting heavyweights, put forth an interesting contest that sparkled with boxing skill. Erskine, who has always been able to do well against an opponent who was not a hard puncher, is now clamoring for a chance to regain his British Empire title from Henry Cooper. With Floyd Patterson signed to fight Johansson an Erskine-Cooper match will be the highlight of the British summer season.

Mauro Vazquez, dynamic young Mexican lightweight, further proved himself in a bout with Ike Chestnut of New York, stopping the ranking veteran featherweight in the fourth round at Los Angeles. Vazquez now looks for bigger game as he aims at the world title.

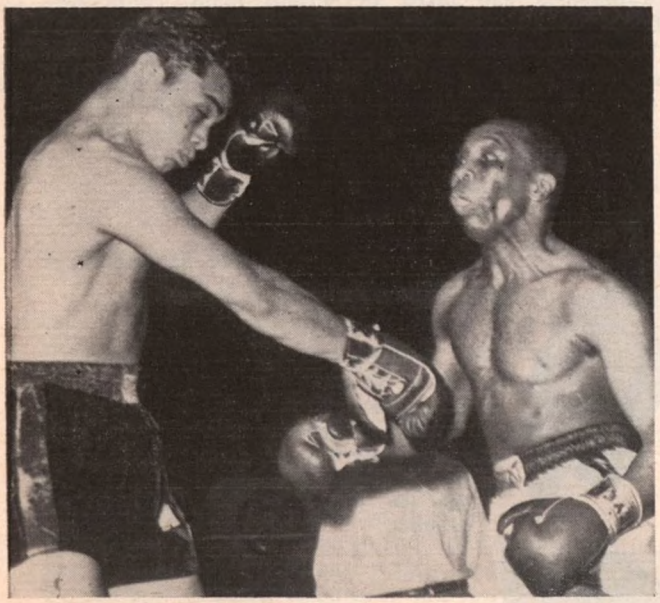
Chestnut took a sound drubbing and his left eye was completely closed when he retired in his corner. Ike felt it was hopeless as well as foolhearty to continue against such a stiff puncher with the sight of only one eye.



SPIDER WEBB (LEFT) VS BOBBY BOYD



JOSE TORRES (RIGHT) VS EDDIE WRIGHT



MAURO VAZQUEZ (LEFT) VS IKE CHESTNUT

JOE ERSKINE (LEFT) VS WILLIE PASTRANO

Lennard Risberg (left), 24-year old light heavyweight, known as the Swedish Dempsey, talks things over with his trainer, Gustav Martinsson.

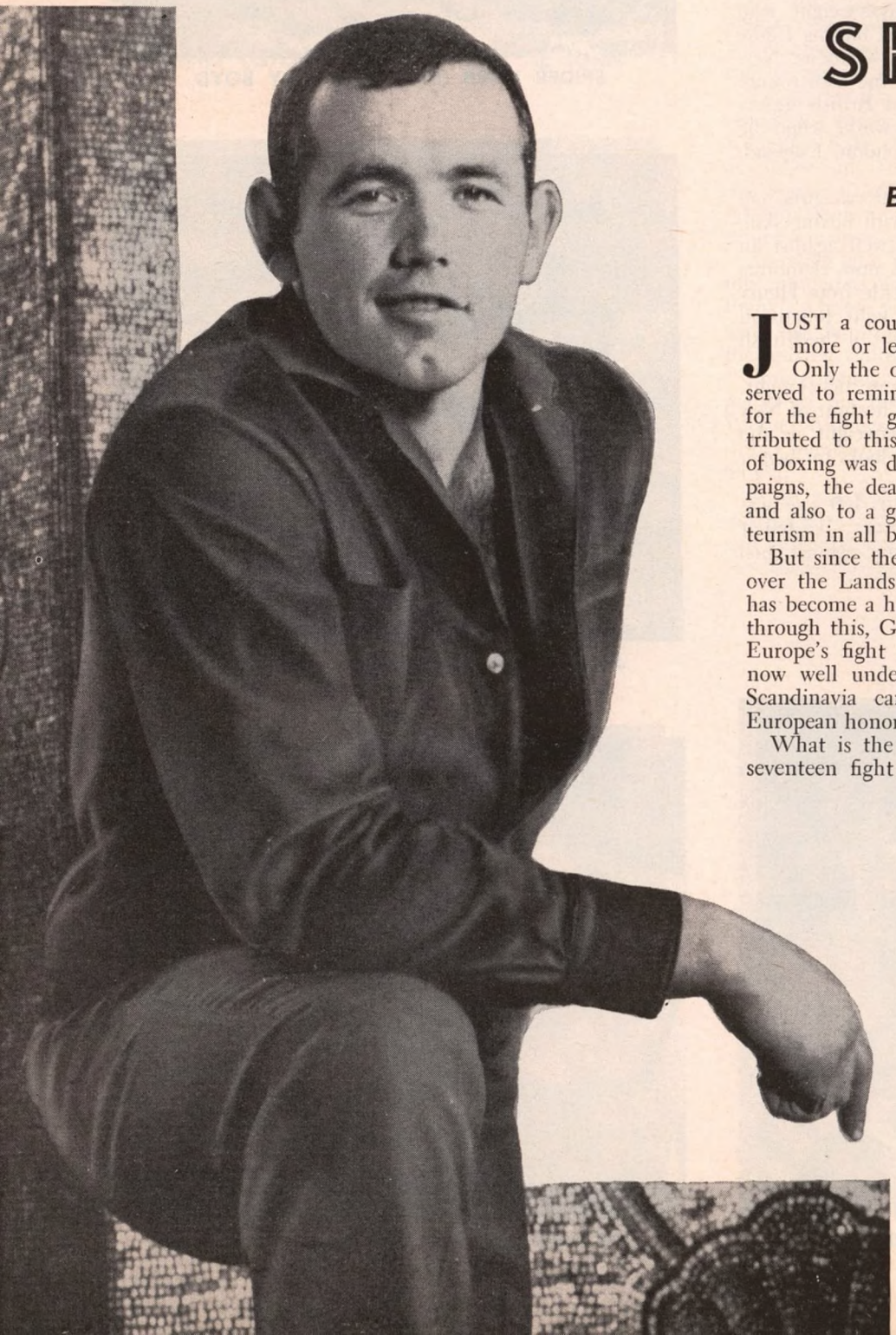
NORTHERN LIGHTS SHINING

By CHARLEY PARISH

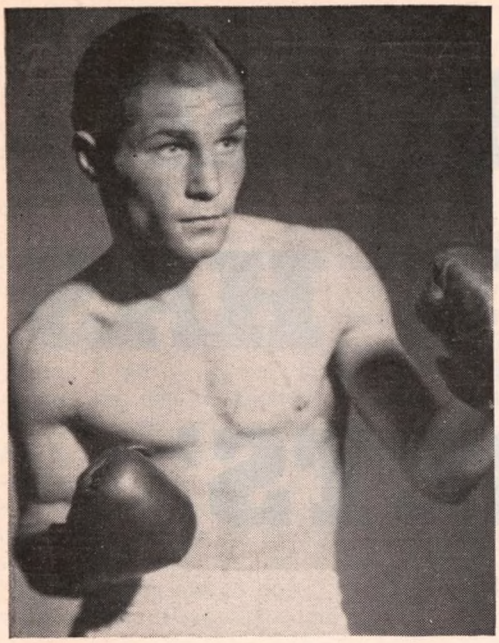
JUST a couple of years ago, professional boxing had more or less cashed in its chips in northern Europe. Only the occasional appearance of Ingemar Johansson served to remind the world that there was still a public for the fight game in Scandinavia. Several factors contributed to this sad state of affairs. The near suffocation of boxing was due chiefly to virulent anti-boxing press campaigns, the deadly internecine warfare between promoters and also to a general Scandinavian tendency towards amateurism in all branches of sport.

But since the autumn of 1957 a great change has come over the Lands of the Midnight Sun. Johansson's name has become a household word in all parts of the world and through this, Gothenburg has become recognized as one of Europe's fight hubs. Finns, Danes and Norwegians are now well under way with fairly regular fight cards and Scandinavia can boast of several likely contenders for European honors in the near future.

What is the reason for this unexpected revival? Why seventeen fight cards in Scandinavia during 1958 against

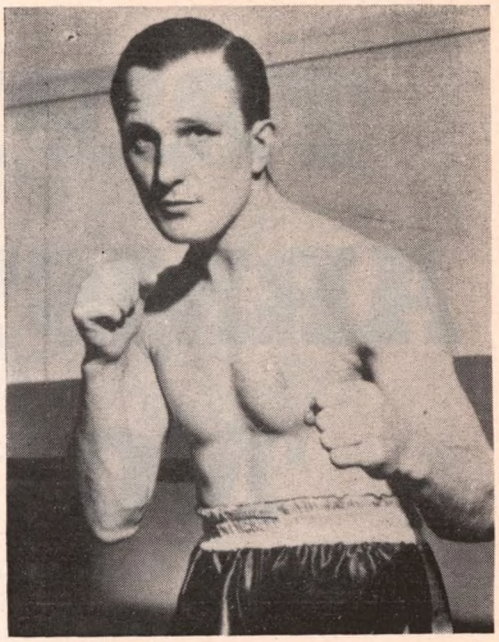


Ingemar Johansson, who battles Floyd Patterson for the world heavyweight title. Johansson is the Swede who put the spotlight on sports in the Scandinavian countries.



(Left) Olavi Ouvinen, veteran Finnish bantamweight who is one of the most regular performers in his home country. Good trial horse for younger fighters.

(Right) Martin Hansen, Danish middleweight who now fights out of Liverpool, England, appears on many of the Copenhagen shows for former teammate, promoter Jorgen Johansen.



a mere three in 1956? The answer is simple enough—Ingemar's success as a paid fighter. His achievements have demonstrated that it is possible for a Scandinavian amateur to battle his way to the highest honors providing, of course, that he has the talent and—a wise mentor.

Guided by astute Eddie Ahlquist, Johansson took a short cut through the European line-up, tackling only men whose defeat would bring him another notch up the ladder. As a matter of interest, this magazine's Continental ratings were used as a guide. In this way, Johansson obtained a shot at the European title after only 14 bouts. He defeated Franco Cavicchi, who had had 39 contests before getting his crack at the crown and the Italian's predecessor, Heinz Neuhaus, had fought 25 bouts before he was accorded the challenger's post. By comparison then, Ingemar's progress was an object lesson in economical matchmaking.

So what? says the reader, he got there in 14 fights but it took him four years to do it. Where's the saving? Well, there's the crux of the problem for Scandinavian managers, who are also their own promoters. Standards of living are high in these countries and therefore even a rank novice demands $250 to $300 for his first pro bouts. An important capture from the simon-pures like Johansson could bank around $2500 for each of his early contests. Added to this, the Baltic countries are a long way from the rest of the European fight circuit. Due to the limited number of professionals in each nation, every fight card is an all-international affair. Some five or six opponents must be imported from distant parts of Europe and this makes promoting a far more expensive business than in Britain, France or Italy.

MUST TACKLE BETTER FOES

The Ahlquist-Johansson tandem showed how the problem must be solved. The key fighter must tackle progressively better foes at every outing, once he has displayed the necessary ability against a few trial-horses. This method has everything to commend it. The prolonged series of easy wins over run-of-the mill opponents is cut out and the public is treated to a genuine test of skill and strength in the main bouts. As a result, interest is maintained and fighters are kept on their toes.

Much credit has been given to Eddie Ahlquist for making the Swedes fight-conscious. This is a half-truth. The Swedes pay to watch Johansson, not boxing as a sport, and in the past six years there has been but one program without Ingemar on the bill. That was last November. This is very important to the remaining Swedish boxers, who have been cooling their heels for the long periods when Johansson was inactive. What opportunity does this offer to promising battlers like Lennard Risberg and Torner Ahsman, who might also make the grade?

Ahsman, a hefty clouter, is favored by many experts as Ingemar's future successor. Johansson himself has more faith in Risberg, a 24-year old lightheavy known as the Swedish Dempsey. *"Risberg is still amateurish in style but I am confident in stating that he will become European champion within a couple of years,"* opined Johansson recently, after the ex-artilleryman had belted out a Frenchman in Copenhagen. If Mr. Ahlquist could forego his Barnum touch to stage a few more modest shows during the winter, fighters like Ahsman and Risberg could forge ahead quicker.

Risberg for the European title? Over in Finland, Elis Ask is of a different opinion. There he has Pekka Kokkonen, a rangy, hardbitten blonde with dynamite in both hands who disposed of Germany's dieter Wemhoner in dashing style. The Teuton was unbeaten in over a score of fights and gave Pekka a boxing lesson last year. The dour Finn went into solid training and came back to paste the hide off Wemhoner. Kokkonen is very colorful and packs plenty of "sisu" If you don't know what sisu is, imagine a deserted road in the Finnish backwoods. Two Finns approach from opposite directions and though there is room for twelve abreast, they'll immediately square up to dispute the center of the road. That's sisu, part of the national character. Kokkonen has it, so has little Risto Luukkonen, tough flyweight comer who hopes to get a shot at the European title shortly.

Elis Ask has adopted the Ahlquist method of avoiding easy touches for his fighters and this recently cost him dearly. A week before his bantam star, Pentii Hamalainen, was due to meet world champion Alphonse Halimi in Paris, Ask made the colossal blunder of letting his man fight Ben Ali, nifty Moroccan flyweight from Spain. By the sixth round, Hamalainen was forced to retire and his match with Halimi became a thing of the past.

THE GREAT DANES

In Denmark, full credit must go to ex-champion Jorgen Johansen for reviving the sport. He began organizing

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TRIPLE CHAMP ARMSTRONG HAS 'NO REGRETS'

By TED CARROLL

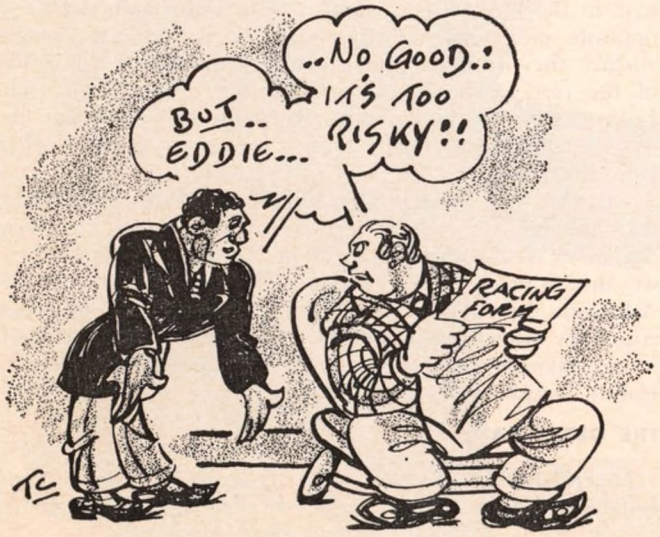
LOOKING very well indeed, Henry Armstrong, the great old "Triple Champion" himself, strolled into The Ring office one day last month to renew old acquaintances and "pass the time of day". The pleasant mannered, well-spoken one-time ring great, hasn't changed a great deal in appearance since his rip-roaring boxing days. Grotesquely wide-shouldered as of yore, bespectacled but otherwise unmarked, well dressed and apparently unworried, Henry, a fluid, engaging conversationalist, regaled The Ring staff and Editor Nat Fleischer for several hours with flashbacks of his wondrous boxing career.

Like too many fighters, Henry was the docile, trusting, unmercenary, type who was doomed to wind up with far too little of the half million dollars or so in purses garnered through his ring efforts. If this bothers him, he shows little evidence of it, as again, like most fighters, he has no regrets and insists he wouldn't trade his fighting experiences for all the gold in Fort Knox.

"Eddie Mead was a very good manager and I have no complaints, I feel he meant well, but he just wasn't made to handle the kind of money we were getting," Henry believes. *"Then passing away suddenly like he did, left everything in such a tangle, it just couldn't be straightened out. But in some ways he was conservative, because his old fighter Joe Lynch lost his money in land, he couldn't see any kind of real estate investment.*

"I'd been tipped off that property in the San Bernardino Valley was a good thing and I went to Eddie about buying some. 'Don't go for that, Henry, he yelled,' I let that Lynch buy himself a "waterhole" and he went busted. Real estate is too risky, stay away from it. Now excuse me, I'll see you later, I'm going down to the racetrack'."

Henry went on, *"Still I've got to admit I was getting nowhere fast up to the time Eddie got Al Jolson and his pal George Raft to buy my contract from Wirt Ross. Then we really rolled. Another funny thing about Eddie, I really think he had magic in his fingers. You know fighting in three classes at one time I had to go up and down the weight scale. Well, Eddie had a trick of standing behind me at weigh-in time, and just at the spot where everybody would be straining for a peep at the scale, he'd take two fingers and push me up in the back if I had to make weight, or he'd push me down on the shoulder with the same two fingers if I had to come in heavy. I don't know yet just how he did it, but he was a wizard at it,"* chuckled the ex-champion.



Hitting an articulate stride, Armstrong kept on.

"Speaking of weight, I'll never forget the Ross fight. Not many people recall that I boxed Ross for the welterweight title before, I fought Ambers for the lightweight championship. That was back in '38 and I'd been fighting a lot of featherweights that year and coming in as low as 125 pounds. General Phelan didn't want to okay the Ross match at first because he thought I was too small, but they finally convinced him I'd come in at 138 pounds. 'All right' says the General, 'but if he's an ounce less there'll be no fight.' Meade had a gimmick for everything so when we hit camp he told me, 'Look kid, you're from St Louis where everybody goes for that Budweiser, and you're going to have to drink plenty of beer for this fight.' 'What!', I said, 'I don't even like the stuff.' 'Well, learn to like it,' he says, 'because its the only way in the world we can put enough weight on you to save this Ross fight.' 'But what if people

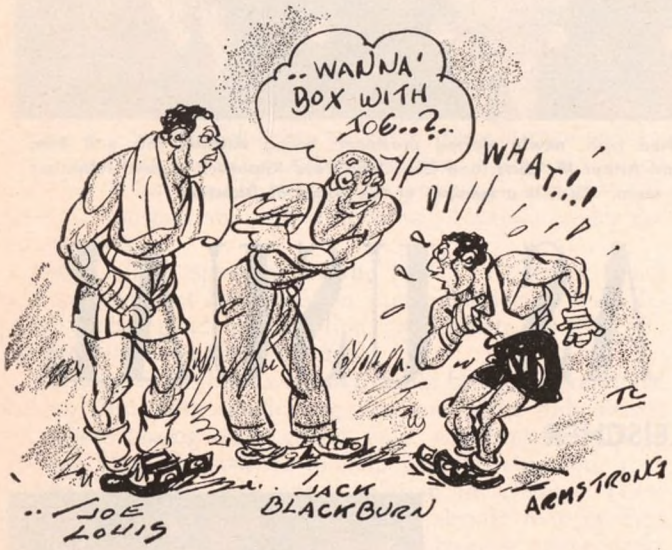
around the camp see me drinking all this beer?' I say.

'I thought o' that,' says Eddie, 'That buddy of yours Freddy Wilson, can row you out in the middle of the lake, where nobody can see what's goin' on, and if you can down a couple of bottles every day, I think that'll do the trick, it'll give you a bigger appetite too.' "

Laughing softly, Henry went on, "Even with that beer deal, the morning of the fight in camp the best I could do on the scale was 135 pounds, so Eddie says, "Well, from now till weigh-in time you just keep drinking water. The beer is out because they'd smell it on you.'

"Well, at noon that day, I was the most water-logged fighter who ever lived, 'it's a good thing Ross isn't a body puncher,' I said to myself, 'because one punch in the belly and the ring will be flooded. When I got on the scales, Eddie pulled his old magic finger act, and I hopped right off as the marker hit 139 pounds. The General just grunted but okayed it. Then I got a break, the rain started coming down in buckets and the fight was postponed for a whole week. There was to be no more weighing in, and believe me I was one happy guy when I heard that."

As Armstrong moved out of his Pompton Lakes training camp for the Ross fight, Joe Louis, getting ready for



Schmeling the second time, checked right in the same day. Alert ballyhoo men figuring it would be quite an attraction to have the two great fighters in camp at the same time, suggested that Henry ask the Louis forces for permission to share quarters with the Brown Bomber. Louis was all for it, and made Armstrong most welcome.

One incident while in camp with Louis still baffles Armstrong.

"I'll never know whether he really meant it or not, but one day old Jack Blackburn walked up to me and says, 'How'd you like to box with Joe today?' I looked at him like he was crazy, then he called Joe over and asked him if he wanted to box with me. Joe mumbled something, and to this very day I haven't the slightest idea what he said, but I figured the way to treat this was like a gag, so I say, 'Look this big guy is fighting a guy who knocked him out before, and if you want him to stay in the best shape don't let him take any chances with me in there.' Blackburn looked at me scratched his head, and Joe never changed expression. Then I walked off leaving them standing there."

An in-and-out performer up to the time the Jolson-Raft-Meade combine took over, Armstrong became a different fighter under their auspices. He wrought such devastation among Pacific Coast feathers and lightweights that the reverberations were felt all the way across the country clear

into New York's Madison Sq. Garden. Garden promoter Jimmy Johnston who had had a most excruciating experience with highly touted California import Young Peter Jackson, decided to take another chance with a Coast phenom and brought Henry Armstrong east for a Garden unveiling.

Harkening back to those days, Henry declares, "Every fighter no matter who he is or where he's from dreams of fighting in Madison Square Garden, and don't let anyone kid you about those Madison Square Garden jitters. That's a jinx that has gotten many a good kid, the first time he fought in there, and I was no different from the rest. When I started down the aisle to the ring, the place looked bigger than the Grand Canyon, and I felt weak in the knees. 'Well, this is it.' I thought, just then I spied Georgie Raft who had come all the way from Hollywood for the fight, in a front row seat, 'Let's go Henry, show them how we do it on the coast.' George hollered, and when he said that it took away all my stage fright and I felt okay."

Henry's first New York foe was Mike Belloise whom he stopped in four rounds on March 12, 1957.

"and a funny thing about that fight, I advised Mike not to take it, you see, I was matched with Aldo Spoldi, a lightweight but he pulled out, and Belloise stepped in. I told him in front 'Mike you're only a little featherweight, and I'm coming in at 130 pounds for this one.' 'Never mind that,' he says, 'I want to show my friends the decision was all wrong in that fight out west between you and me.'"

"Well, the very next week after the Belloise fight, I fought Spoldi in the Garden. That same evening, I took a run up to Harlem for a little recreation. In a night club up there the folks made quite a fuss over me, one guy, feeling pretty good, came over and said, 'Henry, you know the folks

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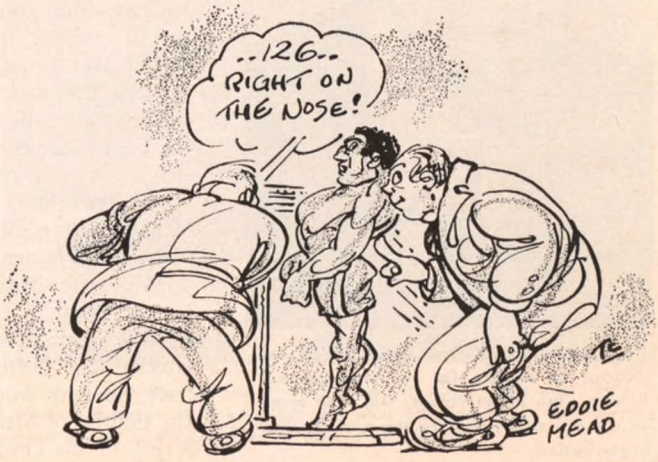
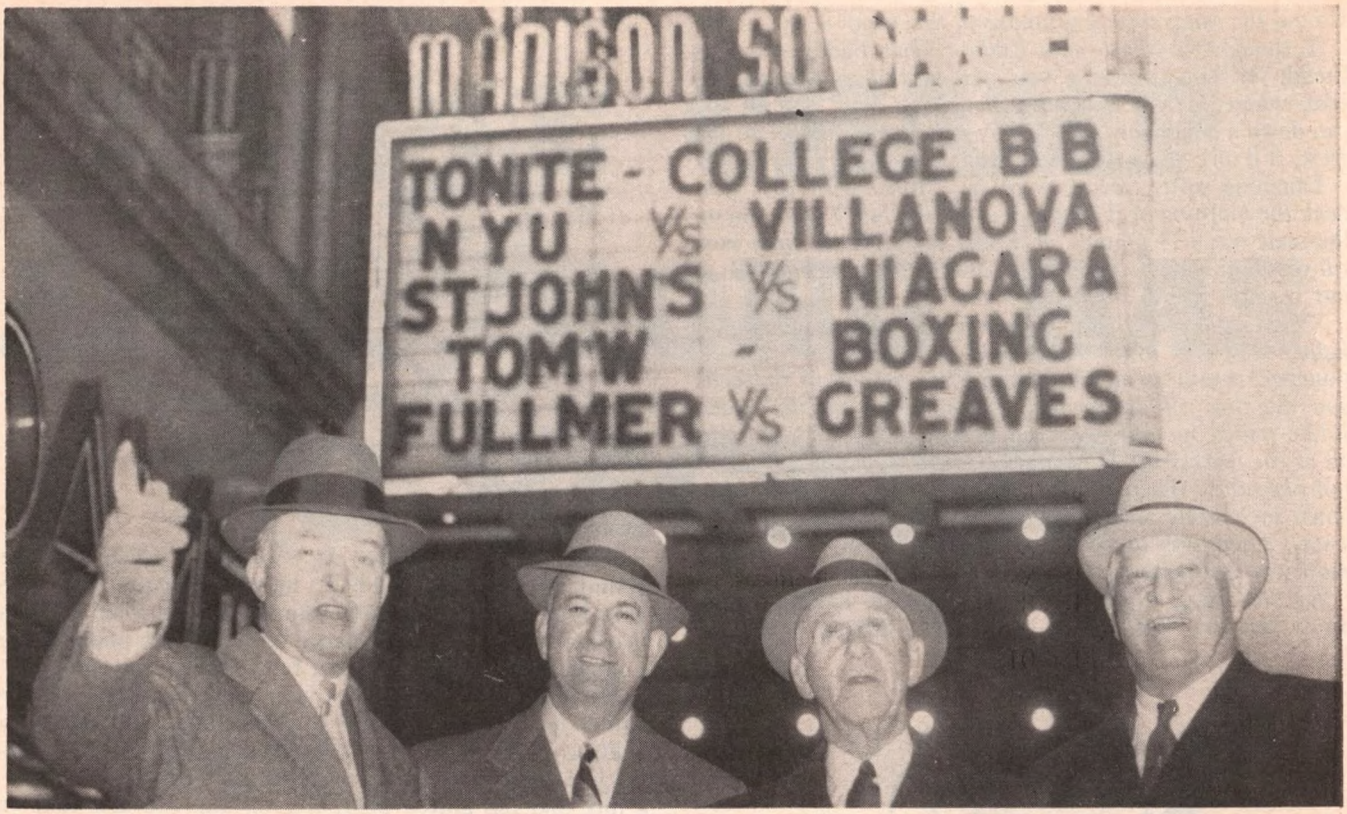




The men who will manage Madison Square Garden (Left to Right)—Ned Irish, newly elected president; Irving Mitchell Felt and Rear Admiral John J. Bergen who purchased the stock of James D. Norris and Arthur M. Wirtz, and Gen. John Reed Kilpatrick, named Honorary Chairman of the Board and president of the New York Rangers Hockey team. Each is a member of the Board of Directors.

BUSINESS AS USUAL

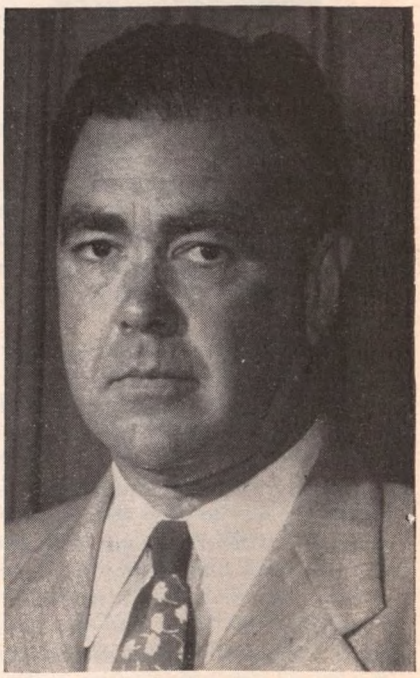
By NAT FLEISCHER

Harry Markson, who had served as director of boxing for the International Boxing Club under Norris, will now serve as director of boxing for the new Garden organization.

THE dissolution of the International Boxing Club, ordered by Federal Judge Ryan and confirmed by the United States Supreme Court, has been completed. James D. Norris and Arthur M. Wirtz have disposed of their stock in Madison Square Garden and two new outfits, one headed by the new owners of the House that Tex Rickard built and the other by Norris and his partner, have been organized.

The average fight fan is not interested in who the new owners of the corporations are, how much money the Graham-Paige concern paid for the Garden stock or who the new officers of the New York and Chicago outfits are. What they want to know is whether boxing will benefit by the dissolution.

Will the break-up of the International Boxing Club's monopoly, forced by the Anti-Trust department of our government better the conditions that have spelled woe for the sport since the demise of Mike Jacobs and the shattering of his empire?



James D. Norris who with his partner, Arthur M. Wirtz, will promote boxing under the name of the National Boxing Enterprises, Inc., a subsidiary of the Chicago Stadium Corp.

What do the fight fans think about the new order?

What effect will the dissolution of the I.B.C. have on world championship fights?

Will the break-up into two major organizations—one in New York and the other in Chicago—with virtually the same people in control, bring about the development of new talent, so badly needed to bolster the sport, open competition such as Judge Ryan envisioned and create a new interest in boxing?

The answers to those vital queries are what the public are interested in. To gauge the national situation, The Ring asked its correspondents covering the major boxing centers, to give us their opinion and almost to a man, the replies were: "We look for very little change."

A summary of the replies harped on the fact that with the television setup, booked on a long term agreement, competition such as the Supreme Court verdict called for, cannot possibly be carried out. With Wednesday and Friday nights sewed up, the former by the Norris organization through a subsidiary and the Friday bouts by the Madison Square Garden Corporation, competitive promoters would be forced to stage their contests on nights other than those on which the national circuits are sewed up for the Miles Laboratory outfit and the Gillette Razor Blade Company, unless either or both were willing to give up their rights for those nights.

Under such conditions, newly organized boxing clubs will be confronted with identically the same situation that has existed since home television depleted the boxing arenas. It is inconceivable that either of the sponsors of the Wednesday or Friday night fights will desert the Chicago or New York Clubs to bid for another operator's fight unless such a contest is for a world title. Such procedure has been followed in the past and undoubtedly will continue under the new regimes.

Tom Gallery, speaking for the NBC TV, declared that his firm's contract with Madison Square Garden allows NBC to bid for independent promotions and Gillette bid $300,000 for the Johansson-Patterson fight.

There never has been any interference by the International Boxing Club with smaller organizations. The only reason the minor boxing clubs closed shop, was because without the aid of a TV sponsor to help pay the overhead, they couldn't carry on. We cannot envision any change. There will be a few new promoters—several already have entered the competitive field—but without television sponsorship, they'll soon shut down.

That seems to be the opinion of our correspondents and coincides with that of the Ring headquarters staff.

In New York, the new owners of the Garden have announced that they will help the St. Nicholas Club, and possibly offer aid to several others in order to build talent for the Garden's attractions. But what about clubs in other territory? They will have to depend as in the past, on the two major organizations—the Chicago and the New York outfits, for fights their TV sponsors would like to shift around the country.

So far as the Norris-Wirtz outfit is concerned, the Wednesday night shows will continue to be scattered in cities like Chicago, Minneapolis, Detroit, St. Louis, Miami Beach, Houston, Baltimore, Washington, Montreal, New Orleans, San Francisco, and Los Angeles in which cities it will work as in the past, with a local promoter with the Chicago Norris outfit controlling the TV rights and the promoters, the gate receipts only. Such procedure is in accordance with the edict of the Federal Court.

In addition, Norris has announced that he has first call on the Yankee Stadium and that if he obtains a worth-while match, championships or otherwise, which he considers would draw best in New York, he will promote it at the ball park. This also would be in accordance with the Judge Ryan edict. His statement doesn't jibe with the facts since Bill Rosensohn has signed to promote the heavyweight title bout at the Stadium on June 23.

New York hasn't had a championship fight since September 23, 1957 when Basilio defeated Ray Robinson for the middleweight crown and has had only one other champion appear in its midst, when Hogan Kid Bassey performed in a non-title bout.

What about this year?

With Bill Rosensohn pushing his way forward with the aid of the Zeckendorf millions, New York, once the world center of boxing, will soon be out of its rut. As we go to press, Rosensohn has given to the city the world heavyweight title bout between Floyd Patterson and Ingemar Johansson and according to the Mayor's Committee on Sports, the Zeckendorfs intend to bid for other major boxing contests, baseball, pro and college football and other sports to help their hotel projects. So it now looks like stronger competition for the Garden and the Norris outfit than the International Boxing Club ever had—a splendid outlook for boxing's future.

Until the Zeckendorfs agreed to underwrite the Patterson-Johansson fight with a guarantee to Rosensohn of $600,000, there seemed little hope for New York coming into the major fight picture. But things are different now and close followers of the sport believe that Rosensohn will become a thorn in the side of both the Garden and the Norris outfit in big time boxing promotion.

Though there will now be two major organizations in the field, each with its own management, the only time the Garden will stage any of its shows outside of its own arena, we believe, will be when the Eighth Avenue building is occupied on the regular boxing show night or when the Garden Club is a successful bidder for a contest its sponsor wants for another city. Every indication points to the Norris outfit getting the cream of the name fighters for its Wednesday shows as has been the case in past months, yet the Garden's Friday fights have been far superior with lesser lights performing and have received a better TV rating. We think this will continue to be the case.

In recent months the Garden's shows have been thrillers compared to the TV fights on the Wednesday program, with the former using new talent and up-an-coming boxers, and the Miles Laboratory outfit using mostly repeaters.

We look more and more for the Garden under the new

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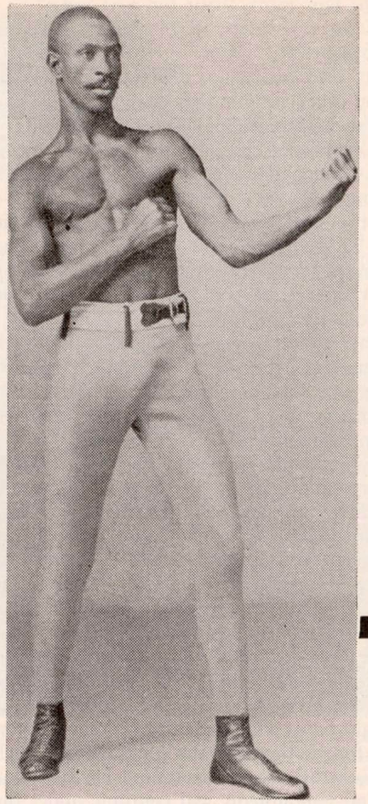
Truman Gibson, former president of the IBC, who has been chosen director of boxing for the new Chicago club. He, Wirtz and Norris will constitute the Board of Directors.

HOW OLD IS OLD ?

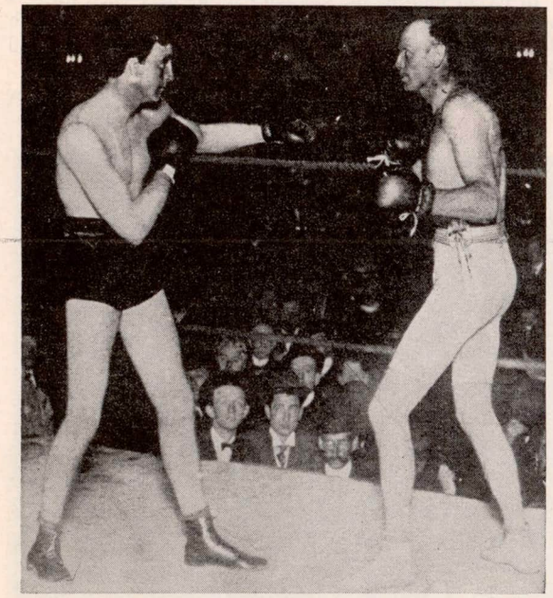


Amazing Bobby Dobbs, whose ring career spanned four decades and embraced probably 1,000 fights, was 57 when he engaged in his last bout, going 15 rounds and winning the decision!

With Combined Ages of 80-plus, Archie Moore and Ray Robinson Could be Most Ancient Title Bout Contestants in History.

Jem Mace, who has been called the "Father of Modern Boxing," was 59 when he failed to regain the English championship from Charley Mitchell.

By JERSEY JONES



Bob Fitzsimmons (right), who had previously held middleweight and heavyweight championships, was 41 when he acquired his third title by beating George Gardner in a 20-rounder for newly-created light-heavyweight laurels.

THERE has been quite a bit of chatter going the rounds lately about the possibility of light-heavyweight champion Archie Moore's defending his laurels this summer against middleweight champion Ray Robinson.

If the bout materializes, the Messrs. Moore and Robinson, already authors of several remarkable chapters in boxing literature, will collaborate on another. *They'll be the oldest contestants in modern ring history to battle for a world championship.* Their combined years will total 81 or 84, depending on whether you accept Archie as a sprightly 42, as he says, or a no less sprightly 45, as his mother's statistics have him.

By the time the fight is held, if it is, Robinson will be 39.

In a gruelling profession entailing so much physical violence, and in which ruggedness and durability are two essential qualifications of a fighter, it is remarkable that so many aging veterans should dominate their respective classes. Of the eight weight divisions in boxing, no less than four are bossed by fighters who've passed their 30th birthdays. Along with Moore and Robinson, there are 33-year-old flyweight Pascual Perez and 32-year-old lightweight Joe Brown.

Among the leading title contenders, heavyweight Nino Valdes, middleweights Carmen Basilio, Holly Mims and Ralph (Tiger) Jones, welterweights Virgil Akins and Del Flanagan, lightweight Duilio Loi and bantamweight Piero Rollo are in their 30s.

One reason advanced for the abundance of "old guys" in the trade these days is the generally inferior calibre of the competition. There is no denying that in both quality and quantity ring talent has declined to an alarming extent in recent years.

OLD BOYS NOT UNIQUE.

Still, it's not entirely a phenomenon of this generation for so many elderly gentlemen to ply their bruising fist-tossing trade. Boxing's always had the old boys, although not in such abundant lots as we have today.

You can check back to the pioneer years of bare-knuckle brawling and the London Prize-Ring Rules and you'll be surprised to learn that many leading bruisers were still active when they should have long since retired to more peaceful pursuits.

Jack Broughton, credited with having written the first boxing code, was 46 when he lost the English championship to Jack Slack in 1750.

Daniel Mendoza, another legendary character, was 56 when he ended his ring career after losing to Tom Owen in 1820.

Yankee Sullivan was 40 when John Morrissey beat him for the American title in 1853.

Jem Mace, the "Father of Modern Boxing," was 59 when he made his last start in the ring, losing to Charley Mitchell in 1890.

In the seventy years since the advent of the "refined" Marquis of Queensberry rules, there is no estimating how many fighters have been headliners in their 30s and 40s. Several have even become world champions.

A notable one was Bob Fitzsimmons, the amazing Cornishman. Fitz, who had previously held the middleweight and heavyweight titles, was 41 when he became head man in the newly-created light-heavyweight class in 1903. He acquired the laurels by taking a 20-round decision from George Gardner in San Francisco. Two years later, also in 'Frisco, Fitz lost the title to Philadelphia Jack O'Brien, but he continued fighting until 1914, when he was 52. In his last outing he was credited with outpointing a tough local entry, K. O. Sweeney, in a no-decision affair in Williamsport, Pa.

FANTASTIC BOBBY DOBBS.

Although he never acquired a world title, one of the most fantastic personalities in ring annals was Bobby Dobbs, Kentucky-born lightweight and one of America's earliest boxing ambassadors to Europe.

Dobbs began fighting in 1875 and his long, active career spanned four decades. He never bothered to compile his complete record, and during his ubiquitous ramblings throughout the United States and Europe he failed to list many of his fights. Bobby himself estimated that he must have had at least 1,000.

Dobb's most prominent achievement was a 20-round decision over Joe Gans in Brooklyn in 1897. Bobby was then 39. Four years later, at 43, Dobbs essayed to repeat that performance in Baltimore, but he damaged his hands during the bout and had to retire in the 14th round.

In his last recorded match, in 1915, Dobbs, at 57, had enough stuff left to go 15 rounds and take a decision from a K.O. Lew Williams in Savannah, Ga.

Out of the ring nearly nine years, John L. Sullivan decided in 1905 to take one final fling at fist-tossing. He met Jack McCormick in Grand Rapids and flattened him in the second round. John L. was then 46.

In more recent years, a grand old campaigner was welterweight Jack Britton.

Jack was an aging veteran of 37 when he lost his world title to youthful Mickey Walker in Madison Square Garden in 1922, but he continued fighting until mid-1925 when he quit the ring and invested his savings in Florida real estate. Britton was then 40. His investment turned out badly and Britton found himself in financial straits. He had to get ready cash and boxing was the only trade he knew,

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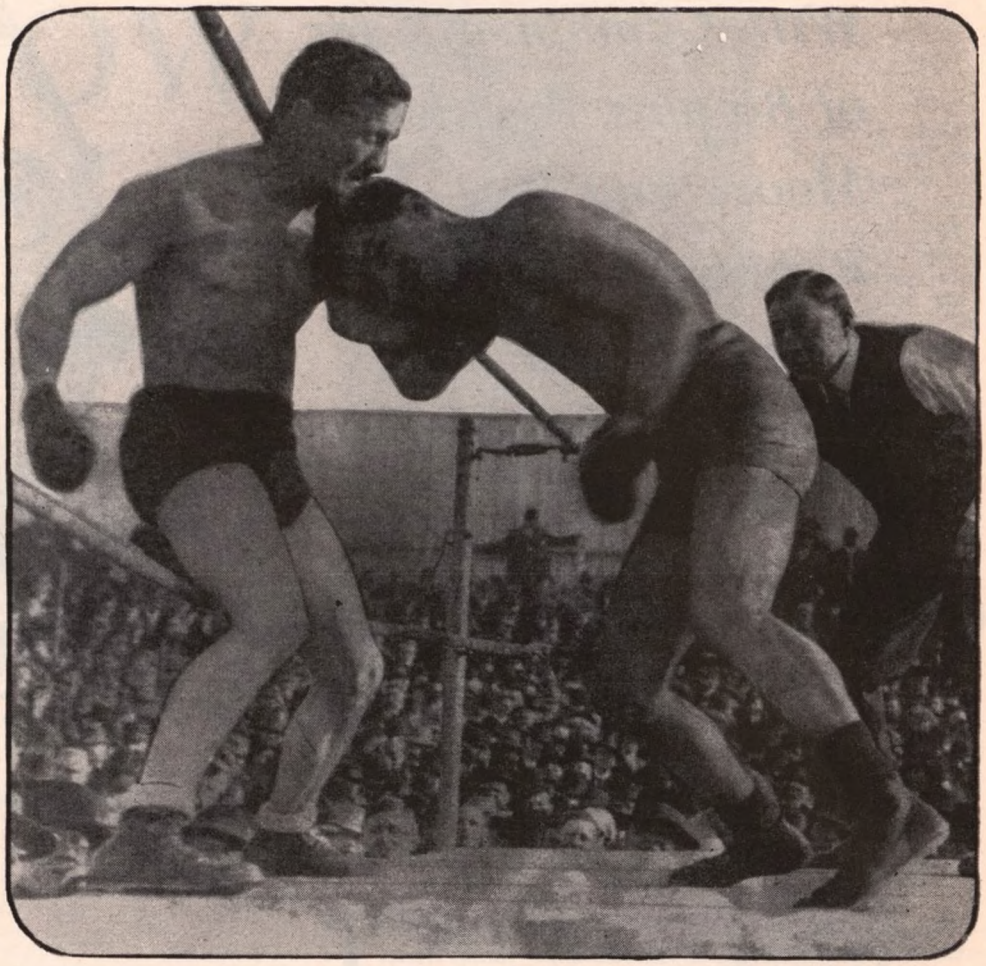
LAST OF A SERIES

By
NAT FLEISCHER



TWO GRUELLING TWENTY ROUNDERS WITH AD WOLGAST WERE MURPHY'S TOUGHEST FIGHTS

HARLEM TOMMY MURPHY

Harlem Tommy Murphy (right) playfully squares off with Joe Rivers while in training for Ad Wolgast in California in 1913. At extreme right is Joe Humphries.

SOME years ago at an amateur boxing show staged in the Crescent Athletic Club of Brooklyn where Harlem Tommy Murphy was the instructor, I asked Tommy which of his many bouts with the outstanding talent in three divisions, he considered his toughest. Without hesitation, he replied:

"There were few easy ones. You know, in my day, boxing boasted of the finest array of talent in the featherweight and lightweight classes we've ever had and I fought 'em all. Some were clever boys, like Abe Attell, Willie Ritchie and Jack Goodman; others were the type that could knock your head off, like Owen Moran, Leach Cross, Knockout Brown, Matty Baldwin and Bert Keyes among many others. Which of those gave me my hardest battle? I had two of them, both with the same man—Wolgast."

Then Murphy began, in quick, short sentences as he always spoke, to tell of these. Here is his story as I reported it in the New York Telegram:

"I don't know which of the two was the tougher, but it really doesn't matter, since the same opponent is involved. I fought Wolgast three times. Once we engaged in a no-decision six rounder in Pittsburgh and twice in California where decisions were permitted. The California bouts are the ones I have in mind. They were both twenty round

contests, the first ending in a draw and the second in my favor.

"I took plenty of punishment in my career, but most of it was concentrated in those two battles. Ad was the greatest body puncher I had ever faced and I faced quite a few. He was still in his prime, going strong, when we were matched in Jim Coffroth's Arena in Daly City, since he had lost his lightweight crown to Willie Ritchie only three months before our first meeting. I was nearing the end of my rope though I didn't believe it at the time. Had I faced him twelve months before, I'm positive I, not Ritchie, would have become the world lightweight king."

Asked why, since he figured he was close to the end of his career, he thought he would have won the crown, Tommy replied:

"Because of what I did in my two bouts with Wolgast. The accounts of those, tell the tale better than I can. There wasn't a newspaper report that didn't acclaim me as one of the best lightweights of the era and didn't praise my performances to the sky."

Then Tommy went on to describe those performances.

"Our first twenty rounder was staged on Washington's birthday, 1913. And believe me, it was twenty rounds of fighting from bell to bell for each of us. Ad would tear in with paralyzing blows to my wind and I'd come back with short, inside uppercuts, my best punch. It was give-and-take all the way and the crowd hardly sat down throughout a single round.

"The fans thought we were out to kill each other, so vicious a battle was it. One account the following morning in the San Francisco Bulletin reported the affair in these words:

'We have seen many grudge fights, but none to compare to this one.'

"But it wasn't a grudge battle, at all. We were just working at our trade, giving the best we had, each trying to get the referee's decision. And when it was over, Referee Jim Griffin called it a draw while the crowd cheered, well satisfied that he hadn't made an error."

Then Tommy went on to tell how on reaching the dressing room, each took a shower then "we rubbed each other down, compared our bumps and bruises and acted like long lost brothers. Ad was a jolly fellow. I liked him and if the reporter who told about the 'grudge fight' had been in that room at the time, he probably would have been a most amazed fellow."

SECOND FIGHT JUST AS TOUGH

Less than two months had elapsed before the pair were at it again. So good was the publicity and the public reaction to their first California encounter, that Promoter Coffroth signed them for a return engagement on April 19. They had given the fight fans such action that by popular demand, they agreed to a return performance.

"And that fight," said Tommy, "was as tough as our previous one. I won that one by the skin of my teeth. A last round rally enabled me to gain the decision.

"Wolgast litterally fought himself to the point of collapse in an effort to triumph and as for me, I was no better off. I was tottering when that fight ended, but I was in better condition than was Ad.

"I won but I spent more energy than I realized. I sapped my strength so deeply in that fight that I had to rest up for the balance of the summer and didn't fight again until October when I went ten rounds with Packey McFarland, a no-decision bout in New York."

Speaking of his fights with Abe Attell, the California Wizard, Tommy declared that Abe was the cleverest of all boxers he had faced. Our contests in New York, one on April 29, 1910 at the Empire Athletic Club in the Manhattan Casino and the other, May 21 of the same year at Tom O'Rourke's National Sporting Club, were bouts in which Abe gave two dazzling performances. Though they were listed as no-decision contests, the papers called the first one a draw and the second they gave to Attell. Those were followed by two in California, one in March which I won in 20 rounds and the other in August which ended in a draw of 20 rounds. The fight in which I beat Abe, was the bloodiest of my entire career."

When that contest ended, both the principals and Referee Jack Welch were covered with blood. Murphy, who outweighed Attell by eleven pounds, used a right cross with effectiveness throughout the bout and did considerable damage to the former feather king.

But Tommy didn't have things his own way. He received as much as he gave and were it not for the extra poundage, he would have been outpointed. He used his extra weight to good advantage. He wore down Abe and as the twentieth round got under way Attell, desperately tired, covered with claret down to the waist, pounded away at Tommy's body while the New Yorker tried in vain to put enough steam behind his punches to Abe's unprotected jaw to stretch him on the canvas.

When the final gong sounded, Abe was swaying on his feet, his left eye was closed, his nose was shedding the claret freely, his lips were cut and his faced bruised, and both he and Harlem Tommy presented a sorry appearance. But Referee Welch didn't hesitate to raise Tommy's hand, the victor of as vicious a lightweight bout as ever had been fought. The decision was roundly cheered.

Their final contest was tame compared to their previous one. In that Attell landed more clean punches but Murphy forced the fight and Jim Griffin, the official, called the affair a draw.

Murphy made as much of a hit in California as he had

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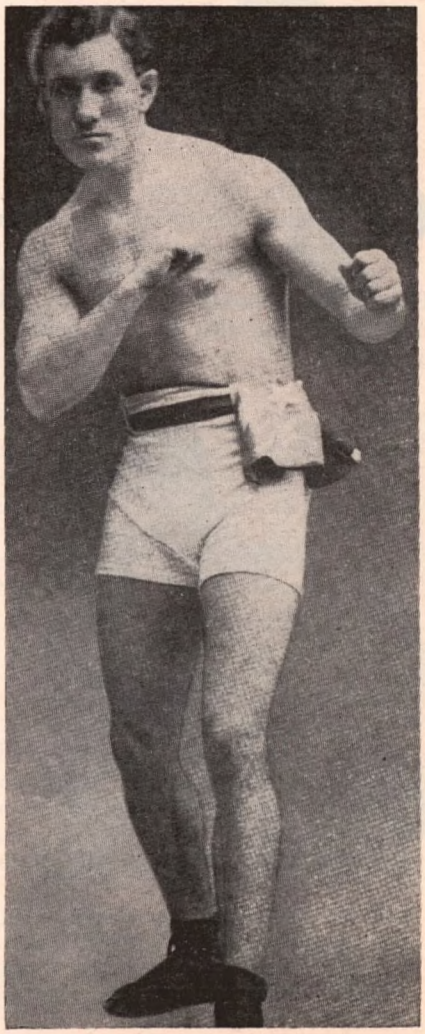
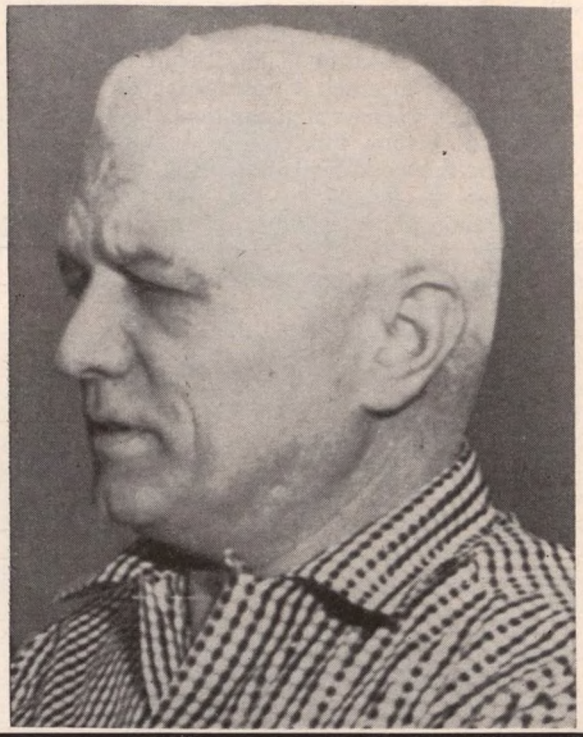


Harlem Tommy Murphy as he looked in his heyday. Speaking of his fights, he once said, "There were few easy ones. You know, in my day, boxing boasted of the finest array of talent in the featherweight and lightweight classes we've ever had and I fought 'em all."

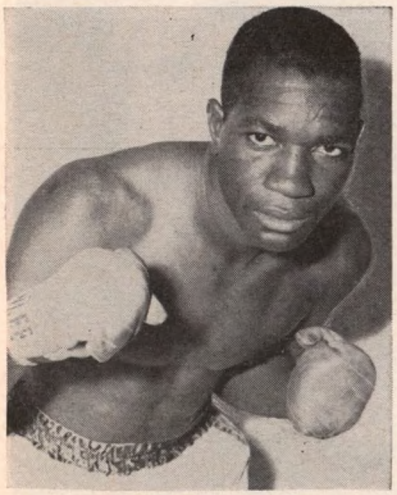
CUS D'AMATO'S LUCKY SEVEN



The controversial Cus D'Amato, manager of world heavyweigt champion Floyd Patterson, who has a fine young stable of fighters, all former amateur champs.

ONE of the mysteries surrounding Cus D'Amato—manager of world heavyweight champ Floyd Patterson, and one of the most controversial characters in boxing today—is, why he has accumulated a fair-sized stable of fighters when so few of them see sufficient ring action. Aside from the champ, D'Amato has six good young fighters.

Cus will soon send some of his amateur scrappers to the pro ranks. It is a well-known fact—especially in ring circles—that D'Amato is spending heaps of cold cash supporting his inactive mitt-tossers. How he's able to do it—or why he's doing it—is a conundrum that has the public, especially those in the fight game, asking questions but getting no satisfactory answers.



Paul "Fly" Wright, light heavyweight, who has held the national and international Golden Gloves middleweight crowns and a National AAU title.

Asked to reveal his reason for increasing his stable of fighters who seldom fight, D'Amato will answer in soft, blunt tones, "When the proper time comes you'll know about it. I can tell you this, I do nothing without good substantial reasons behind it."

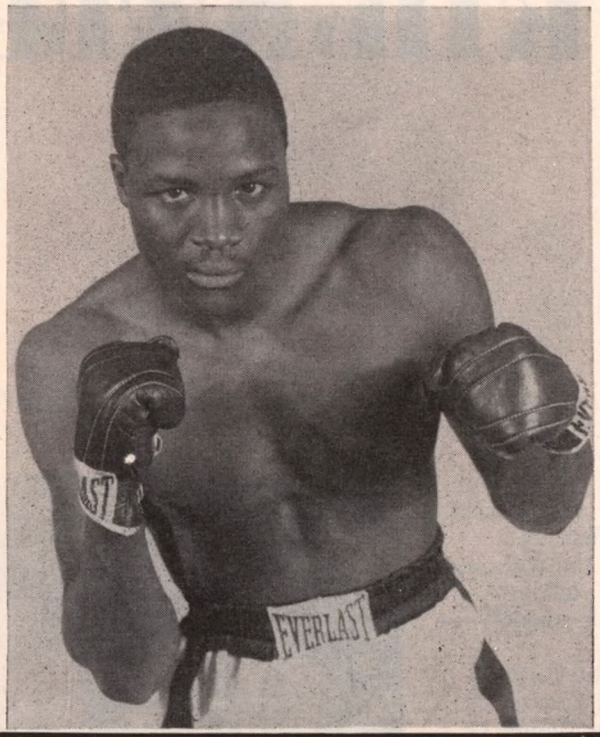
As a reader of The Ring, you have undoubtedly seen the story on Jose Torres—sensational young Puerto Rican middleweight—in the January issue of this year. This sock-swapper's dynamic ring style has won the hearts of fight followers—especially those of his homeland. Only 23, and winner of eleven amateur titles, Jose is undefeated in 10 pro contests, eight by knockouts. He has the sparkling style and the wallop to punch his way up to a title shot—with an excellent chance of winning it. Aside from boxing, the likable lad has a delightful singing voice—and in due time hopes to make good use of it. He is also attending evening classes in high school—aiming to get his diploma. "And," he smiles, *"I'm looking forward to marrying my beautiful sweetheart, Ramona Ortiz—and to raise a family."* In the amateurs, Torres lost one of his 42 bouts—by one point—to Laszlo Papp in the 1956 Olympics. Jose's father, owner of a trucking business in Playa Ponce, Puerto Rico, often comes to New York to see his son do battle.

JOE "BUZZ" SHAW

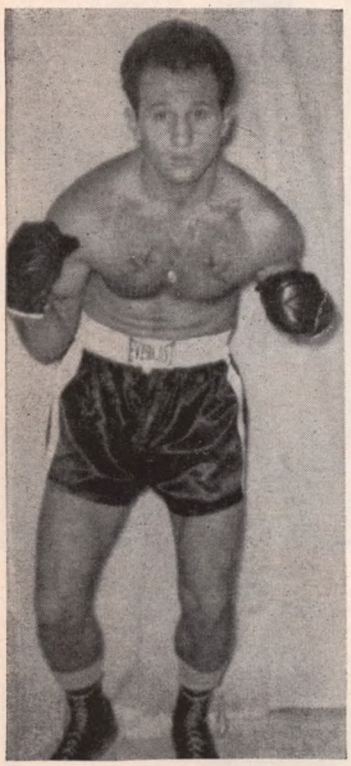
Soft-toned and hard-fisted Joe "Buzz" Shaw is D'Amato's hope for welterweight honors. Like nearly all of Cus's ringmen, Shaw—who stands 5 feet 10 inches—boxes on the style of Patterson: hands held high for protection of the head, at all times alert and amazingly fast when the time to strike is ripe. Joe has kayoed five of his seven pro rivals. He's an exceptionally fine ring performer—with a wallop.

Born in St. Louis, Mo., on August 11, 1938, Joe was a good swimmer and basket-

By **FRED EISENSTADT**



(Above) Joe "Buzz" Shaw, D'Amato's hope for welterweight honors. Shaw, who won 51 of 54 amateur bouts, is undefeated as a pro. He was a member of the 1956 U. S. Olympic team. (Right) the sensational Jose Torres, middleweight with a sock. Drawing capacity crowds in the small clubs, the tremendous Puerto Rican favorite is undefeated.



Grey Gauvin, a solidly-built welterweight, is also undefeated as a pro. Gauvin won a National AAU title.

ball player in his high school, which he left after 18 months, to work as busboy. In 1951 his friend Jesse Bowdry invited him to the gym and there initiated Shaw in the art of boxing. A year later Joe entered the amateurs—and won 51 of 54 contests.

In 1956, Shaw—who has one brother—flew to fight in Australia, where the Olympics were held. He won his first battle, then lost and turned pro in June 1957. His favorite food: green salads.

My step-father, Jeff Griffin, and I are good friends," Shaw states proudly. "*His encouragement has aided my ring career.*"

PAUL "FLY" WRIGHT

Tipping the beam at around 170 pounds, Paul "Fly" Wright, who stands well over six feet in height, is thoroughly schooled at fisticuffing. He started amateur boxing at 15, in Flint, Mich., where he was born on June 13, 1932. Wright lost but a dozen of 138 bouts, winning 42 by the kayo route. In 1954 Paul copped the National and International Golden Gloves middleweight titles. In 1955-56, he took the National AAU title.

Fourth of nine brothers and six sisters, Paul became a machine operator after graduating from high school. Later he joined the Air Force (hence the appellative "Fly") and served four years and 3 months, part of the time in French Morocco,

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MEXICAN BATTLER, ACTIVE IN ALL THIRTY YEARS OF HIS CAREER, HOLDS THE WORLD'S RECORD

THE AMAZING

KID AZTECA Fights On

By LEW ESKIN

NINETEEN Twenty Nine . . . prohibition was in effect . . . the Charleston was the craze . . . Rudy Vallee was the idol of the air waves . . . speak-easies were the vogue . . . talking pictures were the rage . . . you could buy a new car for under $600 . . . the year of the stock market crash.

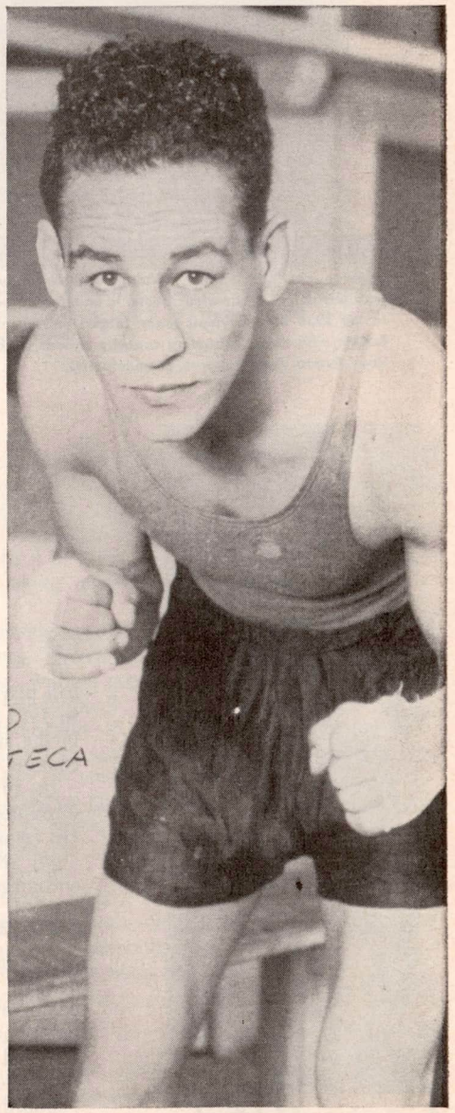
The Golden Era of Sports was still in swing . . . Babe Ruth was the "Sultan of Swat" . . . The Philadelphia A's under Connie Mack were the champions of the baseball world, led by Jimmy Foxx, Al Simmons, Rube Walburg, George Earnshaw and Lefty Grove. Lew Fonseca and Lefty O'Doul were the batting champions; the Green Bay Packers were National League football kings; the Boston Bruins were the champions of the hockey world; the Cleveland Rosenblums were the champions of the basketball world; Bobby Jones and Walter Hagen were the kings of the links; Clyde Van Dusen won the Kentucky Derby; France was in the midst of their six year domination of the tennis world; Big Bill Tilden and Helen Wills were America's aces of the court; the four minute mile was an impossible dream to track fans; Gene Tunney was heavyweight champion of the world; Tommy Loughran was light heavyweight king; Mickey Walker was ruler of the middleweight class; Jackie Fields was the boss man of the welterweights; Sammy Mandell sat on the lightweight throne; Andre Routis was king pin of the featherweight division; Panama Al Brown was the champion of the bantamweights and Corporal Izzy Schwartz was the flyweight champion.

Joe Louis was a fifteen year old school boy; Floyd Patterson wasn't even born and in Mexico City a skinny fourteen year old southpaw by the name of Luis Villaneuva Paramo began his professional fighting career as Kid Chino (Curly Kid). After a few fights he moved to the border town of Nuevo Laredo where he started as a tailor's apprentice and also continued his fighting career, during 1929 and 1930 working his way up to the semi-final class.

In 1931 he stepped in as a last minute substitute for some boxer called "Kid Azteca" in Laredo and scored an impressive win, and thus decided to keep the ring name for himself. The little tailor from Tepito was on his way. Today, thirty years later, he is still active. The only fighter in the history of the prize ring from Figg to the present time to compete actively for over thirty years, truly an amazing record. Not a single year passed during these three decades without Azteca going to the post at least once as he fought all over Mexico, Central and South America and the southwestern and western part of the United States.

AZTECA FOUGHT THEM ALL

A terrific body puncher, his record shows seventy-nine knockouts in one hundred ninety-six fights from 1932 until the present time.



Kid Azteca, holder of the Mexican welterweight championship for seventeen years, as he looked in his heyday in the mid-Thirties, when he was fighting the best in the world.

Below are listed the names of the seventy boxers whose careers spanned over twenty years. They are listed in the order of actual number of years that they were actively engaged in fights, not the total years that their career covered.

Names Country	Year Started-Year Finished	Total Years Fought	Actual Years Fought
Kid Azteca, Mexico*	1929-1958	30	30
Jack Johnson, U.S.	1897-1928	32	27
Bobby Dobbs, U.S.	1884-1914	31	27
Jack Britton, U.S.	1905-1930	26	26
Bob Fitzsimmons, New Zealand	1882-1914	33	26
Archie Moore, U.S.*	1936-1958	23	23
Cyclone Johnny Thompson, U.S.	1892-1914	23	23
Leo Houck, U.S.	1902-1926	25	23
Phil Zwick, U.S.	1925-1951	27	23
Sam Langford, U.S.	1902-1923	22	22
George Cook, England	1916-1938	23	22
Fireman Jim Flynn, U.S.	1901-1924	24	22
George Dixon, U.S.	1886-1906	21	21
Arturo Godoy, Chile	1931-1951	21	21
Jackie (Kid) Berg, England	1924-1945	22	21
Battling Nelson, U.S.	1896-1917	22	21
Joe Walcott, U.S.	1890-1911	22	21
Frank Craig, U.S.	1891-1912	22	21
Nel Tarlton, England	1926-1947	22	21
Johnny Dundee, U.S.	1910-1932	23	21
Len Harvey, England	1920-1942	23	21
Ernie Rodrick, England	1931-1950	20	20
Larry Gaines, Canada	1923-1941	20	20
Ted Kid Lewis, England	1910-1929	20	20
Tod Morgan, U.S.	1920-1942	23	20
Panama Al Brown, Panama	1922-1944	23	20
Jersey Joe Walcott, U.S.	1930-1953	24	20
Jack (Twin) Sullivan, U.S.	1898-1922	25	20
Billy Murphy, Australia	1881-1906	25	20
Peter Mahar, Ireland	1888-1907	20	19
Memphis Pal Moore, U.S.	1913-1933	21	19
Young Otto, U.S.	1903-1923	21	19
Harry Wills, U.S.	1911-1932	22	19
George (Kid) Lavigne, U.S.	1885-1907	23	19
Karel Sys, Belgium	1932-1954	23	19
Charley White, U.S.	1906-1930	25	19
Kid McCoy, U.S.	1891-1916	26	19
Tommy Farr, Wales	1926-1953	28	19
Pedler Palmer, England	1891-1919	29	19
Denver Ed. Smith, U.S.	1881-1900	20	18
Harry (Kid) Matthews, U.S.	1937-1956	20	18
Ginger Saad, England	1932-1951	20	18
Kid Marcel, France	1932-1952	20	18
Chalky Wright, U.S.	1928-1948	21	18
Tommy Ryan, U.S.	1887-1907	21	18
George Daly, England	1930-1951	22	18
Young Corbett III, U.S.	1919-1940	22	18
Rocky Kansas, U.S.	1911-1932	22	18
Young Griffo, Australia	1887-1911	24	18
Max Schmeling, Germany	1924-1948	25	18
Kid Williams, U.S.	1910-1935	26	18
Bep Van Klaveren, Holland	1928-1956	29	18
Kid Dussart, Belgium*	1937-1958	22	17
Benny Leonard, U.S.	1912-1932	21	16
Natie Brown, U.S.	1928-1948	21	16
Tommy Burns, Canada	1900-1920	21	15
Mike Donovan, U.S.	1866-1891	26	15
Billy Smith, U.S.	1891-1911	21	14
Willie Ritchie, U.S.	1907-1927	21	14
Pal Silvers, U.S.	1926-1946	21	14
Frank Slavin, Wales	1885-1907	23	14
Jack Blackburn, U.S.	1902-1923	22	13
Jake Kilrain, U.S.	1880-1889	20	13
Jem Mace, England	1855-1890	36	12
Jack Broughton, England	1729-1750	22	10
Joe Goss, England	1859-1880	22	10
Daniel Mendoza, England	1786-1820	35	10
William Perry, England	1836-1857	22	9
Ben Caunt, England	1835-1857	23	6
Tam Faulkner, England	1758-1791	34	6

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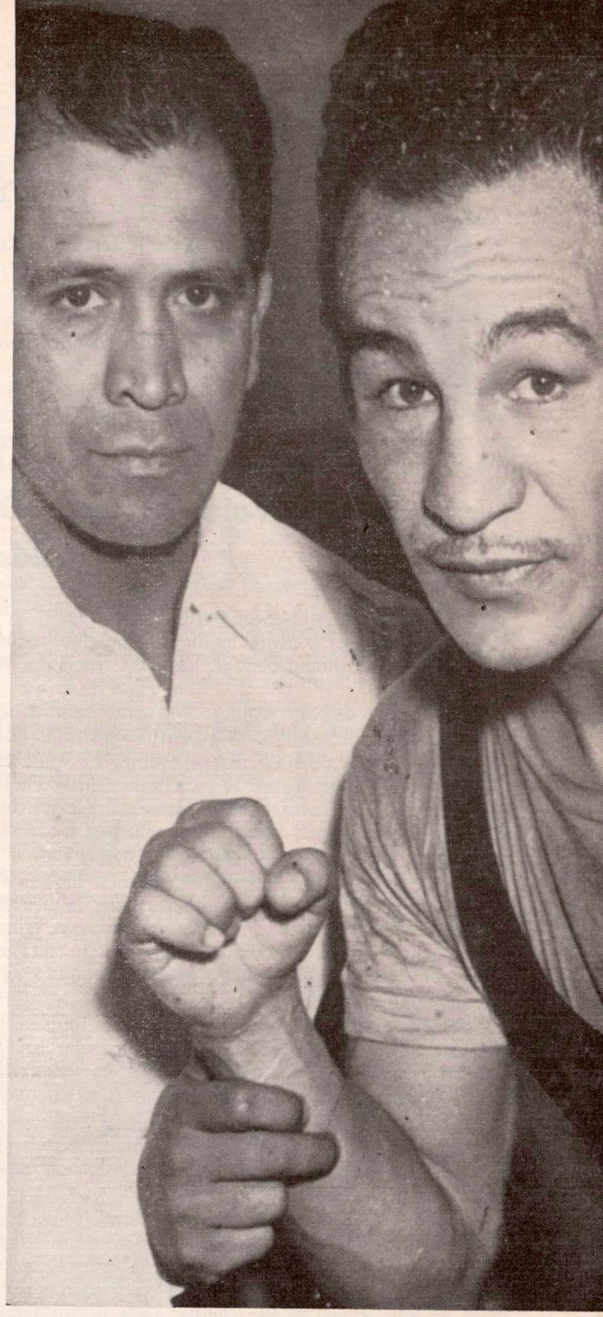

Kid Azteca, veteran of about 250 professional fights, of which he lost but thirty-nine poses with his manager. After thirty years of fighting, The Kid keeps winning

Azteca has said he had over fifty fights during his first three years of which there is no correct or complete record so it is not hard to assume that he has racked up over one hundred kayos in his long career. Although an outstanding gate attraction and leading welterweight contender for a number of years he never got a shot at a world's title. He could have fought Jimmy McLarnin in Los Angeles, but did not want to leave his native land.

The Kid did however score kayos over two former world titleholders, former 147-pound king Fritzie Zivic and ex-middleweight king Cerafino Garcia, whom he beat two out of three. Among the others whom he halted were Meyer Grace, Midget Mexico, Cosby Linson, Bobby Yaeger, Jorge Castro, Joe Legon, Joe Keyes, Paul Altman,

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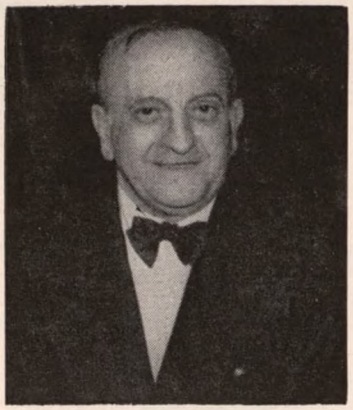

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Says

Never Take Anything For Granted In Boxing
Valdes Shunted Out of Heavyweight Picture
Ray Holds Key To Feature Bouts of Year

NEVER take anything for granted in boxing.

That adage is as old as the hills but too frequently those who should obey it, learn it's true value when too late.

Take the case of Nino Valdes. For many months he has been clamoring for a shot at Floyd Patterson's title. Following his loss to Alex Miteff in ten rounds, he went on to win six bouts in a row against Wayne Bethea, Mike De John, twice, Johnny Summerlin, Harold Carter and Pat McMurtry, three by knockouts and then he was matched for a Miami Beach bout with former football star, Charley Powell.

Since Powell's record was unimpressive, it looked like a cinch for the Cuban to add another victory to his string. Training for that bout was unnecessary, thought Nino, so Valdes, who when he knocked out McMurtry in the Garden scaled 213 and was in prime condition, came into the Florida bout at 224.

The result—the obese Cuban champion toppled over. Hog fat, slow, his timing poor, the man who has been paraded by his manager, Bobby Gleason as the "Professional Heavyweight champion", belittling the true title holder, Floyd Patterson, looked anything but like a champion. He didn't even look like a top contender though he was rated second, under Ingemar Johansson and his opponent was not in the world ranked ten.

With the knockout in the eighth round, came an end to Nino's dream and that of his mentor who has struggled hard for four years to put his man on top. Once Nino went flying through the ropes following a crash to the jaw and twice he was decked in the eighth. First he hit the deck from a left and a right and was up at five. Then he was draped over the second rope when struck with a right to the jaw but managed to get to his feet at eight. But as his opponent came in for the kill, Nino collapsed. He wasn't hit as he went down for the third time and Referee Cy Gootfried, properly called a halt to what had become a one-sided match.

Thus Nino reached the end of the rope, and Powell who has tried to make the grade on several occasions since abandoning football, has entered the select circle. Whether he can continue to keep going and eventually land a strong contender's post, remains to be seen. He has improved a lot under the tutelage of Joe Vella, who managed Gus Lesnevich, and with his hard hitting, and the poor crop of heavyweights the world over, Charley Powell has the chance of a lifetime.

Never take anything for granted in boxing. Sucker matches usually turn into bitter upsets for the hot favorite. Remember that Nino.

CARMEN BASILIO OUT IN THE COLD

Carmen Basilio, former world welter and middleweight king is straining at the leash for a return shot at the crown he lost by a hairline margin to Ray Robinson. But will he get it? As of now it doesn't seem probable.

Why? Because Robinson is seeking a bout for the light-heavyweight crown with Archie Moore and Jim Norris is going all out to help him obtain his goal.

It is a match that fails to arouse public enthusiam as does one between Basilio and Robinson. The public remembers what happened when Robinson, middleweight champion, faced Joey Maxim in a light heavyweight title bout. Maxim, so far as ability figures, was far inferior to the boxer Sugar Ray is angling to meet. It's a fight that Ray doesn't figure to win and his brilliant career is most likely to wind up with a disastrous knockout.

And the gate doesn't figure to come within striking distance of what a Robinson-Basilio bout can attract, unless a fabulous fee is obtained from a sponsor. A Robinson-Moore battle will be anything but an electrifying affair such as may be expected from a Robinson-Basilio contest—the bout that looms as the most attractive of any for the year.

That Sugar Ray is permitted to continue to ignore his obligation to the public—a title defense against a legitimate middleweight contender—is another instance of the difference between boxing regulations in the States and those in foreign countries. There is no finer organization in the world in regulating boxing than the European Boxing Union, an organization whose regulations are carried out faithfully by every member.

In the E.B.U., when a title holder is told to defend, he either does it or is forced to abdicate. How? By having his license revoked in every country so that he cannot engage in contests unless he goes to the States where we foolishly permit him to compete through politics.

That's why the N.B.A., which should be a power in the sport, has failed. When a top man like Robinson is told he will have his license revoked and an elimination staged to find his successor, he knows that through the efforts of one or more members of the N.B.A., he will find it possible to fight when and where he chooses.

A Moore-Robinson fight is wanted mostly by the managers of each, Promoter Jim Norris and his chief of staff, Truman Gibson. The public is indifferent because it is an unnatural pairing that brings stagnation to both the light heavyweight and middleweight divisions.

But as of now, it seems that Norris' efforts will prevail since Ray refuses to fight Basilio. Regardless of the protests of Basilio who should be given the chance to try

again for Ray's crown, no effort on the part of the boxing authorities either of New York or the N.B.A., is likely to be made to prevent the Moore-Robinson affair. Money and politics are the great talking points and they will prevail in preventing Basilio from getting his just due.

Pity that boxing commissions throughout the world cannot get together to force a champion, as is done in Europe, either to give up his crown or defend it. Suspension of a license in America means nothing, since the various states comprising the N.B.A. won't stand together.

One cannot blame Basilio for being peeved at the runaround he has been getting. One can say the same about Gene Fullmer, but of the pair, Carmen is more entitled to get a return shot at Ray's crown because of the two sensational battles he put up.

IN DEFENSE OF BOXING

Senator Norman Hewitt of Fairfield, Connecticut brought up an excellent point when he demanded to know why no representative of the State Athletic Commission had appeared at a public hearing on the bill introduced by Senator Russel Boyce of Wallingford, to abolish boxing. In his attack on Commissioner Dinny McMahon for his failure to appear or have a representative at the hearing, Senator Hewitt, Chairman of the Committee on Public Health and Safety said:

"It is inconceivable! One might expect that a bill introduced by a duly elected senator would be given the courtesy of a communication from your office or that of a representative would be sent to appear before the Committee.

"Considerable testimony was introduced with reference to the brutality of boxing, the disabling effect which this sport has had on participants and the conditions under which the sport has been conducted in the state, in addition that the facilities available to the boxers are very poor, yet no one appeared before our legislative body to give its views on behalf of the commission."

A very fine reason why the people of Connecticut who are boxing enthusiasts will have themselves to blame if the bill is passed and the sport is abolished. Senator Hewitt's tirade was deserved by those who are in charge of boxing in the Nutmeg State.

COLLEGE BOXING ON UPGRADE

College boxing is on the upgrade, says Julie Menendez, coach of the San Jose State College team, one of the best in the Pacific area. "The sport has been on the decline in recent years—at least since the Korean War—but the trend has changed. A number of colleges that had abandoned the sport due to lack of talent and objections on the part of some of the faculty, realize its value as an entertainment and as part of our nation's physical fitness program, and have decided to get back into action.

"There's the Wisconsin boxing team, which for many years boasted of some of our nation's best collegiate talent. The Badgers are tuning up for the Pan-American trials which they will stage this summer and have expanded their program.

"But Wisconsin isn't the only college. I noticed an article recently in which it was stated that more and more the colleges are giving up boxing because it is a dangerous sport. This is not so. We are gaining. Out here on the Pacific Coast, for example, Fresno State College will have its first boxing team for intercollegiate competition after many years of only intramural boxing. The University of San Francisco, is another that has resumed boxing."

Coach Menendez could cite many more programs to prove his case.

In California Polytechnic, the sport has been expanded and the school has excellent prospects. With the Olympic Games scheduled for Rome in 1960, collegians throughout the country are preparing for the tryouts. This is contrary to the opinion of the few who keep calling, "let's kill boxing". There definitely is an added impetus to college sport because of the Olympic Games.

Sacramento College, is another answer to the joy-killing Barnes' delegation that seeks to abolish boxing. The Sacramento team is undefeated this season and hopes to land at least one of its stalwarts in the Rome games.

SAXTON'S CASE A SAD ONE

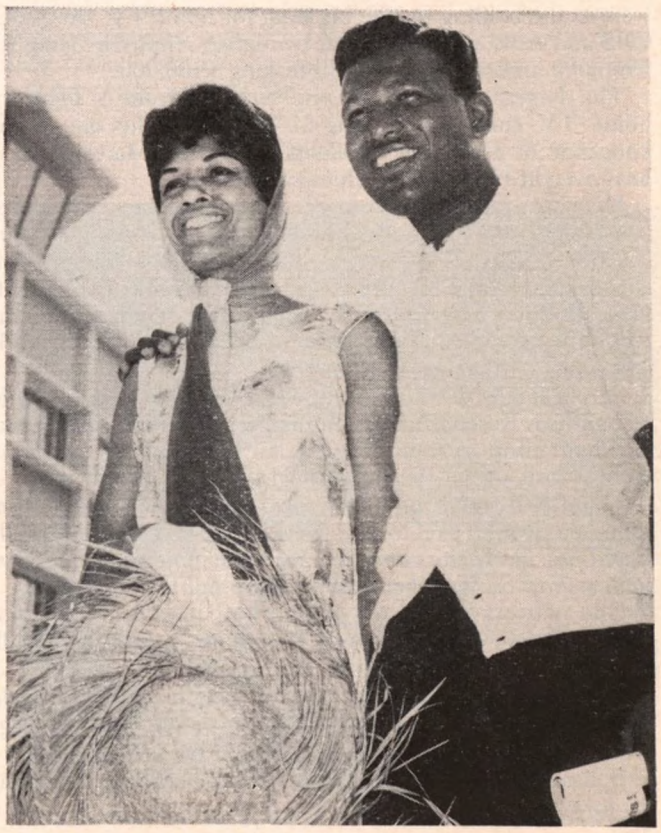
The case of Johnny Saxton, former world welterweight champion, is a sad one. Here's a lad who as a Golden Gloves title holder and later a professional of international fame, suddenly turned sour on the world, forgot his standing as an athlete, and became a burglar. Though when interviewed in court, he declared that financial embarrassment was not the reason for his crime, the fact that he had only a few cents in his possession and pleaded that the court appoint a lawyer to aid him, seems to indicate that such was the reason.

In every state the Boxing Commissions have contracts that call for a legal division of 33⅓ percent for the manager and the remainder for the fighter, but too frequently there is a separate agreement between fighter and mentor calling for a fifty-fifty break.

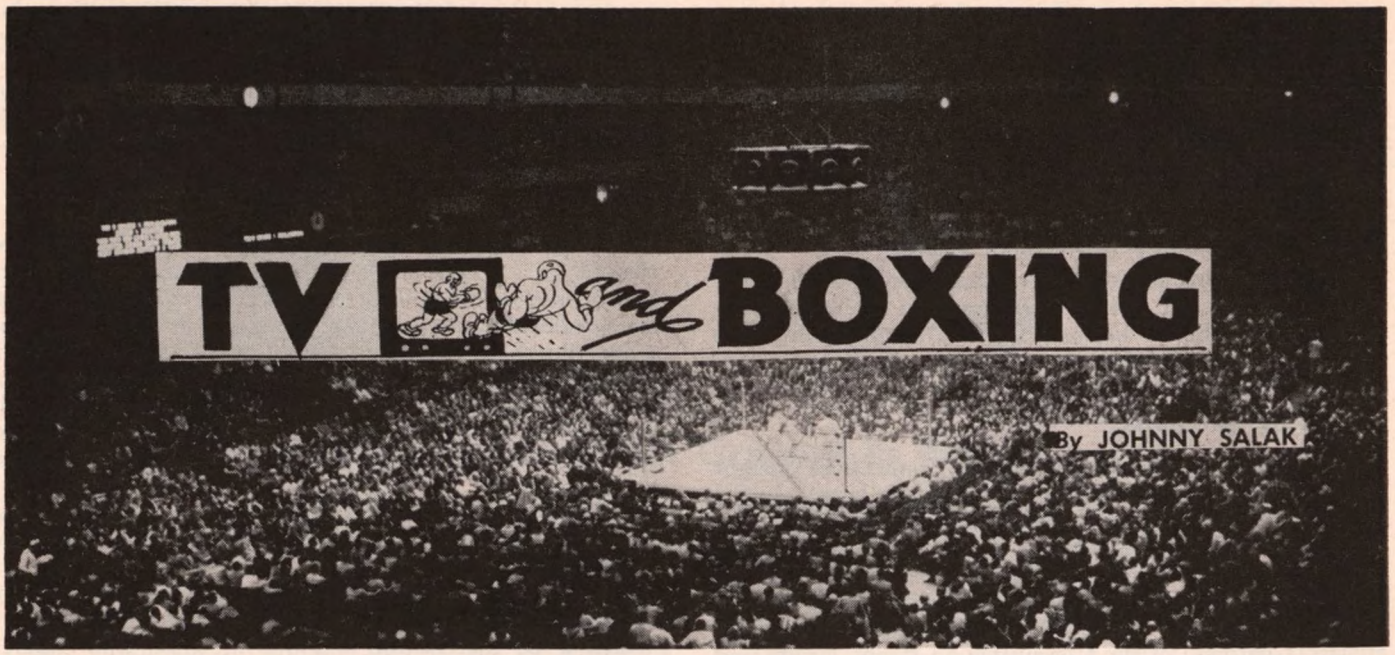
Can it be that Saxton was one of those who suffered from the greed of his handlers? He earned more than $250,000 during his career, yet has nothing to show for it. He was not a spender. Hence where did his money go?

Jimmy Carter, former lightweight king who was injured in an automobile mishap the day before the Saxton crime, is another who made plenty while champion, with big gates in a number of his fights, yet he like Saxton, has gone through his fortune.

Why only in boxing does such a condition exist? Those who control the management of boxers are best qualified to give the answer.



Sunshiny Sugar Ray, world middleweight champion, spends a few days at Nassau, Bahamas, previous to going into training for Archie Moore bout. With him was his sister, Mrs. Evelyn Robinson Nelson of New York.



THE tremendous influence of television on boxing is more stunningly brought to light when one considers that the two big matches which will be coming off soon, the world heavyweight championship match between Floyd Patterson and Ingemar Johansson, and the light heavyweight title bout involving Archie Moore and Ray Robinson, figures to bring in video revenue to the promoters and fighters totaling more than a half million dollars.

Once the date and site of the Patterson match was announced, the next important news was the manner in which the fight would be televised. The national networks were in the bidding for the big bout for home TV, the NBC, CBS and ABC networks, with two offers reputedly being for $300,000 and one of a record-breaking $400,000.

The largest previous revenue received from a fight for home TV consumption was $275,000 for the one round knockout of Jersey Joe Walcott by Rocky Marciano in a heavyweight title bout at Chicago in 1953.

However, more than "mere" money was involved in this latest deal, with promoter Bill Rosensohn, working in conjunction with Cus D'Amato, manager of the heavyweight champion, trying to pry loose one of the two nights now allocated to televised fights, on Wednesday over the ABC-TV network and on Friday over the NBC-TV network, or having another network step in.

Before finally deciding on how the television angle would be handled, Rosensohn was emphatic in that he would make an all-out effort to secure a television boxing show on a more regular basis, using the heavyweight title as a lever.

"I am still trying to get my own TV show," said Rosensohn. *"I would like to run weekly. As I have repeatedly stated previously the network which is willing to let me have such a show can get the championship fight."*

One network considered letting him have a contract for twelve shows a year. In return Rosensohn is said to be willing to guarantee two championship fights.

"Money is not important," said Rosensohn. *"I would take less than the offers that have been made if the package included a weekly fight program over a major network."*

It has been reported that the young promoter is willing to go as much as $100,000 less if he could corral such a deal.

Still in the field to televise the Patterson-Johansson bout, but on closed-circuit into theatres, are the pay-TV outfits. TelePrompTer handled the deal into theatres for Rosensohn's first promotion, the Patterson-Harris world heavyweight title fight of last year. However, Irving Kahn, head of TelePrompTer, up to this time has been strangely silent on the matter and there are rumblings that TNT (Theatre Network Television), which had dropped bundles on fights in the past, might take another stab at such an operation.

No matter who wins out in the final bidding, it appears certain that the only way the fight will go on television is if New York, so important to a sponsor because of the concentrated population and number of TV sets, is blacked out.

The blackout is usually in force in other cities for a big fight. However, the sponsors have always been reluctant to do that with New York, no matter how much the asking price is brought down for TV rights. In this case, this is a "must" condition of the contract.

COMING ATTRACTIONS ON TV

"If television is responsible for putting the smaller boxing clubs out of business and thereby cutting off the supply of ring talent at its source, why couldn't this 'monster' be tamed and used to build future pugilistic stars?" Those were some of the thoughts running through the mind of Warren Walden, News and Sports Director at Television Station WJAR-TV in Providence, R. I. a couple of months ago.

As a result, a new TV program was launched on Saturday afternoons. It's title is "Leather Pushers" and its purpose is to give ambitious young boxers an opportunity to display their wares in the semi-pro ranks before a live as well as the television audience.

With the coo-operation of professional promoter Manny Almeida, who operates a weekly boxing club, and enthusiastic acceptance of the idea by WJAR-TV program director Seymour Horowitz, the new television-boxing program originates every Saturday afternoon from the "Arcadia" in the same ring occupied by the pros every Monday night.

"Leather Pushers" is supervised by the Rhode Island Division of Racing and Athletics with Chief Boxing Supervisor Anthony Maceroni and former N.B.A. President Anthony Petronella in attendance at each show.

The idea "caught fire" immediately with letters of commendation pouring in from several cities in the wide area serviced by the Providence television station. In fact, promoter Almeida has been flooded with applications from

boxers everywhere in the Southeastern New England territory.

Says Walden, *"These semi-pro boys will be stars when they first turn professional. People who have watched them on television will undoubtedly flock to see them in a first professional four round preliminary bout."* Almeida is equally as enthusiastic, figuring that he will have an abundance of talent in the near future for his professional shows.

WJAR-TV is leading the way for other television stations and the pioneering effort in Providence could spread throughout the country. If it does, promoters at the smaller boxing clubs will have a more friendly attitude toward television and the big network shows that are providing an incentive for the youngsters who are lining up for appearances on "Leather Pushers" in the "Little Rhody" city.

In the meantime, Walden, in whose mind the idea was born, is happy about the whole thing. *"We're not only providing a good television program,"* he says, *"We're also building boxers for the future and keeping a large live audience occupied. We had more than twenty-three hundred at a recent show and expect twice that many the next time."*

About the only time boxing stirs up any interest today is when a championship match is scheduled. But the attempt of WJAR-TV and Almeida is returning to boxing something that the steady diet of of weekly televised professional shows had automatically taken from the game: a crop of promising young fighters, in a place where they could develop.

Both the television station and Almeida must be commended on this attempt, for despite the fact that it is a financially losing proposition for both, they are willing to take the risk in the firm belief that in the long run they, along with boxing, will benefit.

The interest is definitely there as the standing room crowds at these Saturday shows will attest. And the talent most certainly is not wanting, as the numerous applications they have had from youngsters who want a chance to prove and improve themselves bears out. These kids want the opportunity to learn the game and find out if they have the "stuff" to go further.

What hampered them before was the "chance" to show. The tremendous interest awakened in the New England area, for so many years a hot bed of great fights and fighters, by this novel venture has the local gyms crowded and old ones, shut for many years, are now re-opening. The teachers, the trainers, the seconds, so long with no activity on hand, are once more back in action.

In the over-all picture and possibly more important than this one case, is the fact that attention is being drawn to this area, and many promoters throughout the country are carefully watching developments, not alone as a possible area from which to obtain new fighting faces, but also as a solid investment for themselves to undertake in their part of the country in an effort to develop new talent.

The purpose of the televised boxing show on WJAR-TV, which is not sponsored but for which several interesting offers have already been made, is to give ambitious young fighters an opportunity to display their talents on TV before deciding whether to start a professional ring career.

A decade back TV boxing shows were most popular and the ratings were near the top of the heap. In some sectors of the country there were as many as three or four boxing shows televised each week. That means that eventually the number of potentially good fighters were hurried along to main bouts before they were ready. And as fast as they could bring them up, ready or not, the TV monster, with its voracious weekly appetite, devoured them.

With such an abundance of nationally televised fights, it had to pass that the small boxing clubs would be killed off and the training ground for young fighters would disappear. It would naturally follow that eventually the supply would dry up and interest in nationally televised fights would be much less. This is borne out in the ratings of the big shows.

Anything that can bring back the small club, the cradle of boxing, with the small, independent and solid promoter and can help develop the youngsters who will be the main-eventers, not of tomorrow but of a year or year-and-a-half from now, is good for boxing.

Manny Almeida and WJAR-TV seem to be on the right road. It is hoped that others will follow.

GRAZIANO—THES-PAISANO

That gay thes-paisano, Rocky Graziano, who thrilled countless millions during his fighting days with a rock-'em-and-sock-'em style, retired from the ring into another field which, if it has not brought him equal popularity (and money) certainly has not left the Rock a forgotten man.

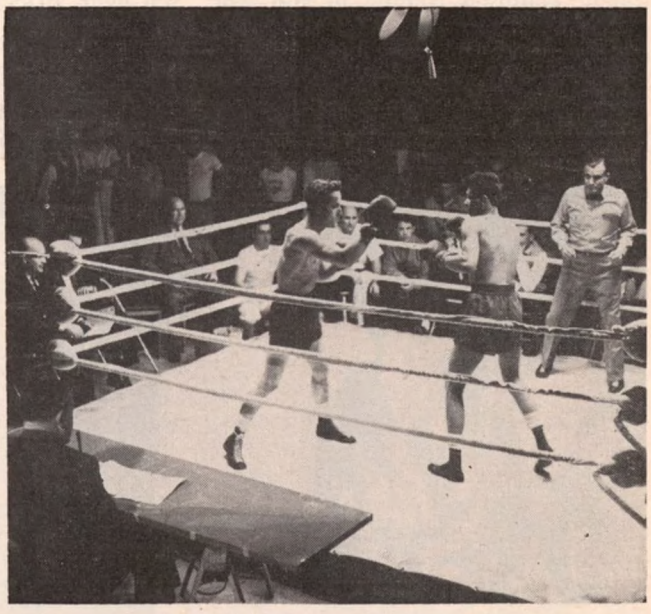
The former champion who has made a number of successful television appearances and is good for a laugh every time he appears on the screen, has now gone serious on us and plays the part of a card sharp in his latest TV film.

"It's the first time I wasn't playing myself and its tougher cause when they look at me they just naturally wanta laugh," said Rocky, trying to be serious but grinning a bit himself. Possibly he had already viewed the film.

As a card sharp and killer, the former middleweight champion is in a story entitled "Fallen Star" which was filmed on the lower East Side of New York, in the vicinity of his old neighborhood. It's in the ABC-TV "Naked City" series which has caught on because of its solid story matter and authenticity.

"You know they use real guns in da film?" said Rocky. *"They got plugs in 'em. Anyways, we're filmin' in da street one day and I get a colt, so I go in a joint to get a cupa coffee. There's a rookie cop there, so I says 'you got a gun and I got a gun' and I shows it to him. Don't you t'ink he starts a big rumble!*

"This actin' is real class. They call me Mr. Graziano and everybodies real nice. When I used to go in a gym they yelled, 'hey Rocky, ya bum.' At this pay, they could call me 'bum' and I'd like it."



A scene from the weekly TV show "Leather Pushers," videod over WJAR-TV, Providence. Formerly held at the studio, tremendous interest has encouraged promoter Manny Almeida to stage the fights at the Arcadia Club. The names of these contestants are not important. What is, is that they now have an opportunity to fight and develop if they have the ability.

WITH OUR SERVICEMEN

by JOE SMITH

SAN DIEGO, Calif., The Marine Corps Recruit Depot Devildog boxing squad fought their way to the team title in the First Evening Tribune-AAU sponsored fights at the San Diego Coliseum, behind National Golden Gloves champion Charles Brown.

Brown, together with James Blackshear, George Zapp and George Greene won titles to successfully defend last year's Golden Gloves team championship. Camp Pendleton, pre-tourney favorites, came in a close second with champions.

A crowd of 3,521 boxing fans cheered Brown during this bout with Otto Hardison of Camp Pendleton. Left-hooking his opponent at will, Brown started the first round with sharp jabs to Hardison's face. The hard-working Hardison pressed Brown with left and right punches only to be countered by the Devildog ringman. A hard left hook caught Hardison coming in and sent the Pendleton boxer to the mat for the count. Knockout time was 1 minute, 34 seconds of the first round.

In his second bout, Brown matched punches with Pacifico Argulay of Camp Pendleton. The first round started slowly with both fighters feeling each other out. Toward the end of the round, both boxers stepped up the tempo with hard rights to the head and body. In the second round, Pacifico caught a series of jabs that stunned him.

In a wild exchange of punches, Brown led out a short left hook that sent Argulay down for a count of seven. The third round was a give-and-take affair for both fighters. A straight right hand jarred Argulay with Brown charging in with lefts and rights to the body as the bell sounded.

Knockout artist James Blackshear picked up the second Depot win with a smashing left hook to Pendleton's George Jackson's stomach in the first round. Starting the round with lightning jabs, Blackshear stepped in with his crushing blow one minute, 28 seconds into the round. Prior to the Jackson fight, Blackshear outpunched Florentino Zaragoza of Tijuana to gain the finals.

Underdog George Zapp surprised the crowd with his title win over sailor Jim Fields of the USS Lexington. The hard-punching Navyman, fresh from knocking out his semi-final opponent, was caught flat-footed by the Devildog.

Zapp's fine conditioning paid off as he connected with a series of combination punches that stunned his opponent. In an earlier fight, Zapp outfought Joe Sortillon of San Diego.

Hard-hitting Teddy Shores, All-Marine Fighter, lost his bout to Thell Torrence of Cruisers-Destroyers-Pacific. The first round was a usual Shores round with the Devildog slamming lefts and overhand rights to his opponent's head. The second round brought Torrence to the forefront.

Torrence counter-punched Shores with hard left hooks to the jaw. The third round was a give and take affair with each fighter throwing hard smashes to the head and body. Torrence's height and reach was too much for Shores, with the decision going to the Navyman.

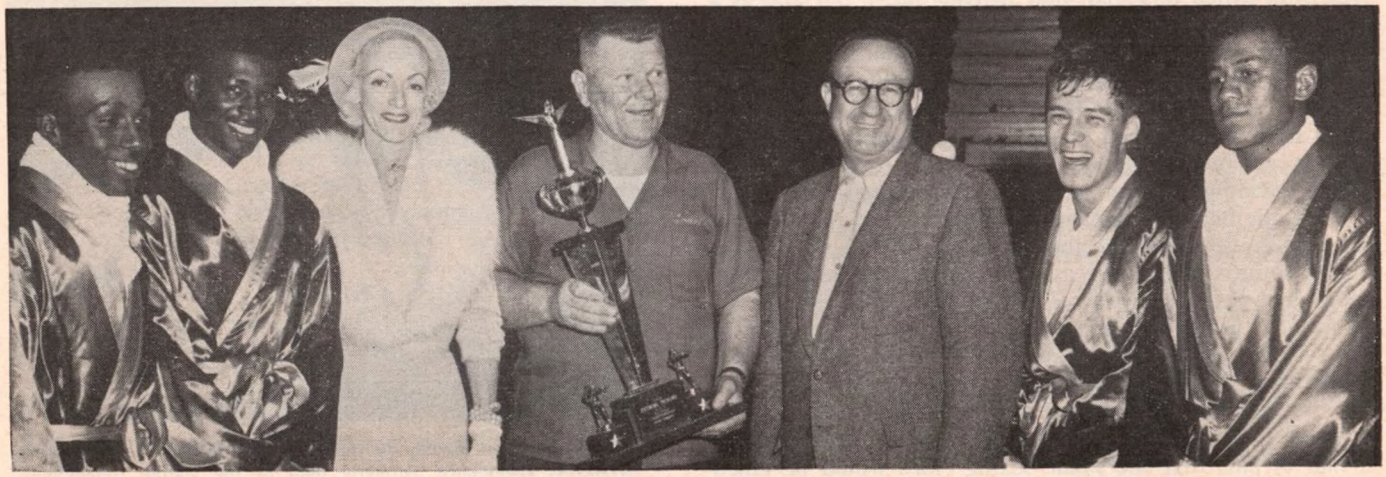
The team win in the Tribune-AAU fights retained the Devildog's title as San Diego County fight champions. Last year the Depot fighters copped the local Golden Gloves matches, which were discontinued later in the year.

The Tribune-AAU fights in the Coliseum have moved into the limelight as successors to the Golden Gloves bouts.

VIVA VICENZA

VICENZA, ITALY—One of the most thrilling Southern European Task Force Boxing Championships ever staged here was held at the Vicenza Post Gym before a wildly cheering crowd of 1,000 glove fans. Highlight of the SETAF champion-crowning bouts was a toe-to-toe slugfest between Vicenza's Bill Hernandez and Floyd Norris of Verona.

The two rapid-punching welterweights started swinging at the sound of the initial bell and never let up throughout the entire fight. In the



AAU Champions. Acting Master Sergeant Frank Veith of the San Diego Marine Corps Recruit Depot holds the San Diego Evening Tribune-AAU 1959 boxing team trophy, which his squad won with four victories in the final bouts. Flanking Veith are Tournament Director Paula Kent, and Frank Alessio of the advisory committee. MCRD's winning fighters are (from left), Charles Brown, Featherweight; Lightweight James Blackshear; Lightwelterweight George Zapp; and George Greene, Welterweight.

first round Hernandez was dropped for a short count but came back to send Norris reeling time after time. Near the end of the round Vicenza fans were on their feet yelling for the knockout punch. The bell sounded but no one heard it due to pandemonium and the two fighters had to be pulled apart by the referee.

The two fighters started the second round with the same flourish of energy and the determined Hernandez wouldn't let up battering the game Norris to his knees and convincing the Verona manager to throw in the towel after 1:35 of the second round. Both boys were given a tremendous ovation as they left the ring.

Only one other fight failed to go the distance – Verona's defending lightwelter champ John Brooks TKO'd Vicenza's John Duart in 2:55 of the first round.

Teams from Verona, Leghorn and Vicenza were entered in the team matches, with the team championship going to the Vicenza Artillery team. Trophies were presented by Colonel Richard I. Jones, Chief of Staff, 1st Msl Comd.

Other results of the championship meet were as follows:

Featherweight: Jose Garcia, 82d Arty. 1st Msl. Comd., decisioned Elmer Watanbe, Hosp. Det., Leghorn.

Lightweight: Elmo Sams, H&S Co., Leghorn, decisioned Leonard Camp, C Troop, 16th Sky Cav.

Middleweight: Al Lujan, 68th MP Co., Verona, decisioned Riccard Martinez, 79th Arty., 1st Msl. Comd.

Unopposed were:

Heavyweight: Dave Kelly, H&S Co., 82nd Arty., 1st Msl. Comd.

Lightheavyweight: Vern Garret, Jr., 82nd Arty. 1st Msl Comd.

Middleweight: Ray Leake, Co. A, 21st Eng.

All The Way. Depot Marine Pvt. Charles Brown, Featherweight, sets up Otto Hardison of Camp Pendleton for a hard right hand. The Depot fighter went on to defeat Pacifico Agulay, also of Camp Pendleton in the finals of the Evening Tribune AAU Boxing Tournament.

The winners of the Fort Hood open boxing tournament are: front row left to right, Smith Maxwell, bantamweight; Earl Wallace, welterweight; Gerald Boudreaux, light welterweight; Agassi Taft, lightweight; Vernall Listenbee, featherweight; Fernando Ramirez, flyweight. Rear row left to right: Bert Wood, Trainer; James Wright, heavyweight; Dick Bender, light heavyweight; Thomas Quinn, middleweight; Joseph Walker, light middleweight, and R. J. Broussard, manager.

POST CARDS

Langley AFB, Va., boxers won four bouts via knockouts in eleven minutes of fighting to lead all teams in the 1959 March of Dimes card there.

World welterweight boxing champion Don Jordan recently officiated at a ten-bout program at the Naval Training Center in San Diego, Calif.

Former AAU featherweight champion Willie Littles of the 36th Inf. has grown some, winning five straight from lightweight opponents in Frankfurt.

FOURTH U. S. ARMY TOURNAMENT

FORT HOOD, Tex.–Fort Hood boxers recently repeated their 1958 triumph as they won six and tied for a seventh of the ten titles at stake in the 1959 Fourth U. S. Army Boxing tournament at Fort Bliss.

Company B, 53rd Signal Bn., has two Fourth Army champions. Gerald Boudreaux and James Wright went through the tournament undefeated to win their respective classes, Boudreaux in the light welterweight and Wright in the light heavyweight.

Wright was a repeat winner, having won the light heavyweight crown last year.

Another winner was Vernell Listenbee of the 46th Engineer Bn. Listenbee took the bantamweight crown.

The 2d Armored Division had two winners at the tournament, welterweight Lucius Allen of the 41st Infantry and lightweight Robert Robinson of the 50th Infantry.

Allen fought his usual fight, flooring his opponent, Carl Manfrates of Fort Bliss, three times before the referee stopped the proceedings at 2:04 of the first round.

Robinson also won by a kayo, knocking out his opponent in 1:48 of the first round.

Fortune Smith of the 16th Sky Cavalry, 2d U. S. Army Missile Command, took the crown in the light middleweight division.

Hubert Wade, 15th Cavalry, 2d Armored Division, tied for the heavyweight crown.

Fernando Rameriz of the 142d Signal Bn. 2d Armored Division, last year's flyweight champion, did not do so well in this year's tournament. Rameriz won one and lost on to place third.

Thomas Quinn, 81st Artillery, 2d Missile Command, placed second in the middleweight division. Quinn won his first two fights but lost the championship bout.

LEJEUNE SMOKER

More than 2,500 servicemen crowded in the Goettge Memorial field house at Camp Lejeune to view the 1st ITR boxing smoker.

A 15-second knockout and a come-from-behind TKO highlighted the action.

J. C. Leichty of Toledo, Ohio, never threw a punch as Tony Lewis, Cleveland, battered him with rights and lefts, knocking the 127-pounder in 15 seconds of the first round.

Knocked down twice for the mandatory eight-count, Riley Byers, Owensboro, Ky., literally came off the deck in staging a terrific comeback, finally sending Edgar Shaffer to the canvas as the bell ended the second round. Shaffer, a 158-pounder, was unable to come out for the final stanza. Eight other bouts were staged.

Ilio Di Paolo, the Italian mat star, clamps a toe-hold on struggling Mr. Moto in a stirring match at Niagara Falls, Canada.

ilio di paolo..

By EARLE F. YETTER

BLAZING across the wrestling horizon like a meteor in the past six months is the imposing figure of Ilio Di Paolo, strapping 245 pound, six-foot two-inch grappler from Abruzzi, Italy, who, by his ring exploits in three continents, has moved into the front line of challengers for the world heavyweight crown now resting on the brow of Pat O'Connor.

Winning out over adversity from the time of his childhood is one of the outstanding achievements of young Di Paolo. When he was seven years old he became afflicted with polio. Unafraid and undaunted, he battled with this scourge of mankind at every conceivable opportunity.

Ilio helped with the chores on his father's farm; he went in for swimming and worked out with bar-bells and weights. When he was twelve he astounded friends and relations when it was discovered that he had successfully licked the malady. He continued to exercise and use the weights in the gyms of his community during his teens and today he is regarded as one of the finest conditioned wrestlers in the business

Young Ilio went to Rome for most of his schooling. He indulged in all sports, but showed a decided preference for wrestling. He wrestled four years as an amateur and by the end of his first year of college, he had become so proficient that he entered the ranks of the professionals.

By diligent and constant work and practice, he perfected his wrestling technique

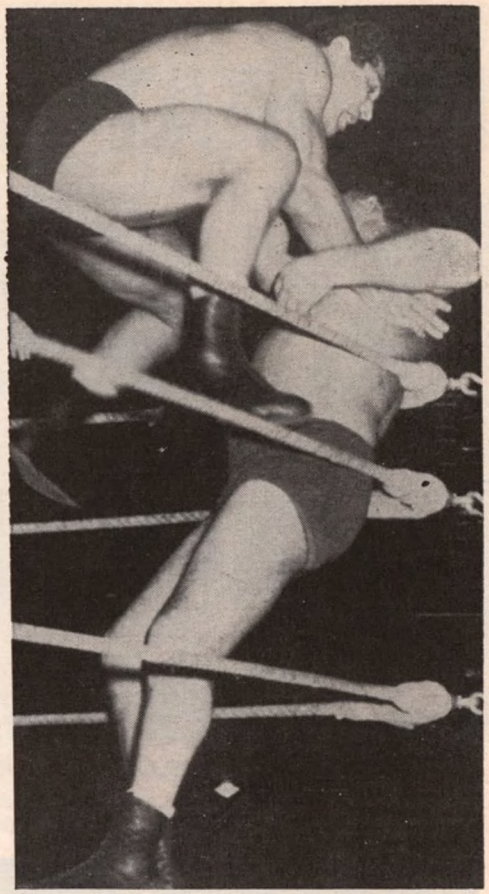
and began to win bout after bout, ending his wrestling in Europe by becoming champion of Italy. He continued his career in Paris, London, Venezuela and Cuba. It was in Cuba that Mario Calza, a reigning wrestling favorite, saw young Di Paolo in ring action and was so impressive with his natural ability that Calza enticed Ilio to come to the United States.

Young Di Paolo is a serious workman on the mat, and he stays in excellent physical condition at all times by weight lifting and wrestling four and five nights each week. On this side of the ocean the fans took immediately to this pleasing performer. His wrestling is clean and swift and he is an example of wrestling in its finest form. He has respect for his opponents and they in turn respect him.

Before coming to the United States, young Di Paolo engaged in a mixed match in Haiti against Amelio Aggramonte, a reigning heavyweight boxer of the time. The exhibition was held before 21,000 spectators in Magliore Stadium in 1953. It was scheduled for five three-minute rounds, the fighter boxing in an effort to gain a knockout and the wrestler trying to pin his opponent by employing only orthodox wrestling holds.

The first round was rather tame with neither contestant taking unnecessary risks and the three minutes produced nothing unusual. The second round, however, saw Ilio throwing caution to the winds as he lunged for Aggramonte's legs. As he did, he was stunned by a solid right to the jaw. Aggramonte took advantage of the situation and moved in for the kill. As Ilio waited for his wary adversary to advance the bell sounded ending the second round.

Aggramonte tore out of his corner at the beginning of the third round, confident that this would be the climax. As Aggramonte came in, Di Paolo feinted with a wristlock. Amelio threw a punch which missed and he left himself wide open for a reverse headlock. Ilio put everything he had into the hold, quickly switching to a chinlock. Pulling up on the hold with all his weight, Ilio rolled Aggramonte over with him and pinned the surprised boxer for the three second count. The outcome of the heated controversy of the time was unquestionable. A good wrestler had defeated a good boxer and it was one of the few such matches which have been held.



Di Paolo who is rising fast among the wrestling contenders, climbs a little more at the expense of Wee Willie Davis during a hectic match at Buffalo, N. Y.

. . . THE ABRUZZI BRUISER

When Di Paolo arrived in the United States, he applied himself diligently to gymnasium routines. Weight-lifting helped him to mold a solid body of muscle so necessary for modern professional wrestling. As he fully intended to make wrestling his career, he sought competition with the best this country had to offer and he has held his own with such performers as Nanjo Singh, Buddy Rogers, Fritz von Erich, Fred Atkins and dozens of other lesser lights.

It makes no difference whether he participates in a tag match or a single bout. He seems to be at home in either routine. His tag team partners have been Yukon Eric and Whipper Billy Watson. With the latter he had a series of bouts against Fritz von Erich and Karl von Schober in both Canada and New York State and some of the matches were classics of the mat, with several of them ending in riots among the ringside spectators.

DEFEATS THE MAD HINDU

One of Ilio's notable ring achievements was the complete annihilation of Nanjo Singh, "The Mad Hindu" of the famed Cobra-hold. In his first match with Singh in Buffalo, N. Y. the bout never really got under way officially. During the referee's instructions, Singh jumped Di Paolo and attempted to tear the robe from his shoulders, spilling the surprised Di Paolo to the canvas. Then Singh unscrewed a ball from the top of a corner ring post and proceeded to bash Di Paolo over the head, inflicting a scalp wound and drawing the claret in copious quantities.

With the blood streaming down his face, Di Paolo got up off the canvas and tossed the Hindu out of the ring. Singh tore a board from the judge's stand and attempted to reenter the ring to whale away at Di Paolo. He was kept from such folly by the ringside gendarmes who now forced the berserk Singh to his dressing room as the crowd surrounded the action, threatening violence. The match was declared "No Contest" with Di Paolo demanding in a loud voice for a rematch. It was made for the following week.

The second bout got under way only after considerable bickering with the referee. Di Paolo was wary of Singh's "cobra-hold." The Indian applied it once, but was forced to break it on the ropes. Then, suddenly, like the breaking of a storm, Di Paolo, still remembering the treatment at the hands of Singh in the first bout, went into riotous action. He hammered the Hindu unmercifully with elbow smashes from pillar to post and deposited him on the ring apron in an exhausted heap. The Indian rose but Di Paolo continued to pummel him right into the resin dust. Singh could not rise to beat the ten count. It was complete retaliation for Di Paolo and his victory ended Singh's supremacy as a featured performer. Di Paolo had knocked him right back into the preliminary class that night.

Di Paolo met the greatest and the best from coast to

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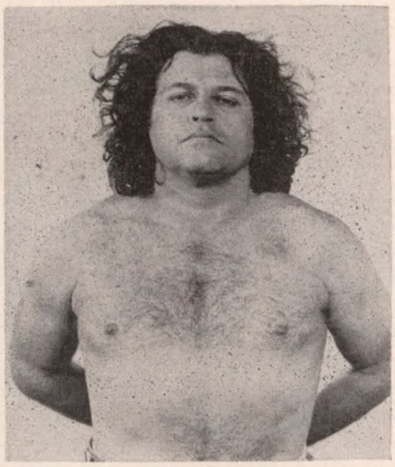
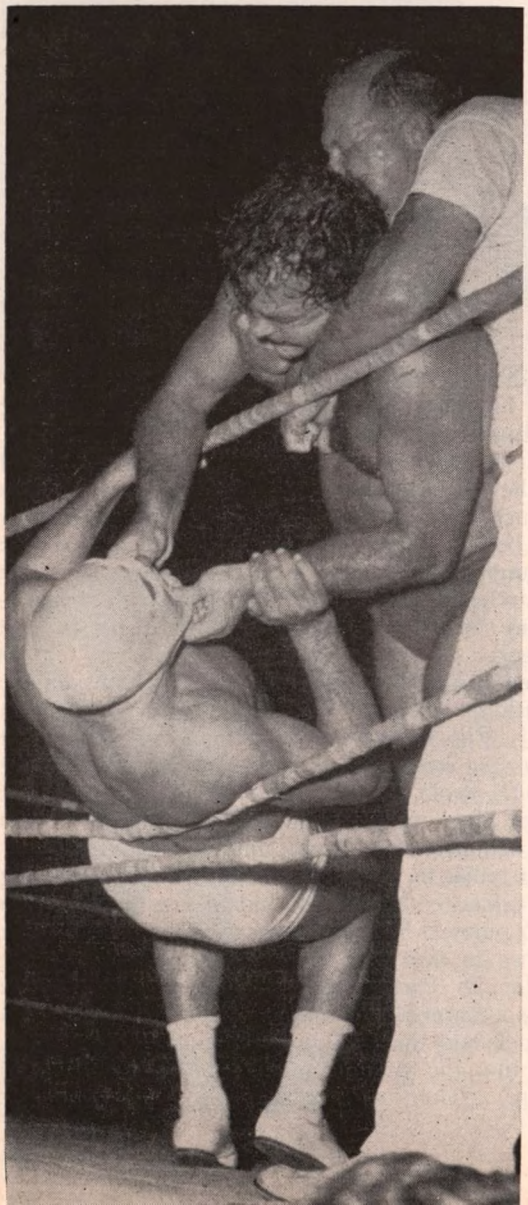
THE MAT WORLD

TELEVISED MAT SHOWS PACE GRAPPLING BOOM IN AMERICA



Left to right: Kitty Adom, Houston, Texas, glamour girl of wrestling, Rita Cortez, Mexican bombshell quickly becoming a favorite in U. S. and Tom Bradley (The Jungle Boy) a crowd pleaser in the Carolinas due to his rough and tumble technique. Tom's home is in Colorado and he is of Irish descent.



Danny McShane almost unmasks El Medico during their Texas match won by bad boy McShane in convincing style. (Photo by Bob Utter)

By **NAT LOUBET**

ON AND AROUND THE MAT

WORD from Alaska, where Count Varga helped the 49th state celebrate joining the union by becoming champ of Alaska. He defeated Mr. Moto. . . . The Count was accompanied by his wife, Rosebud, and his five-year-old heir apparent, Royce. . . . Varga writes that Alaska isn't quite what he expected it to be . . . we wonder what he expected?

A. Lorfevre, promoter at Papeete, Tahita, sends word that the island has had a rebirth of wrestling and in the first show under his banner The Elephant Boy defeated George McKay before a packed house. . . . Both lads are from Dallas, Texas . . . a long way from home.

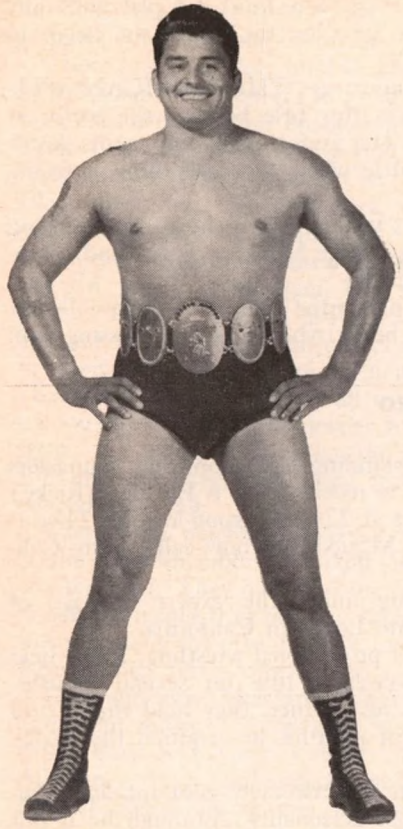
The Al Getson & Buddy Rosen FC had a successful reunion in celebration of the clubs second anniversary . . . the locale was Philadelphia.

Kathy Starr, capable campaigner from Amarillo, Texas, is doing well in Minnesota rings, as is that blue-eyed redhead Kay Noble, who packs a mean 135 pounds of twists and turns.

Yvon Durelle, Canada's fisherman fighter, has been picking up some easy loot by refereeing wrestling shows in Canada. . . . The MASK, or the RED HANGMAN, who recently annexed the Pacific Coast heavy title, has one of the largest necks ever seen by mortal man . . . he defeated Ramon Torres for the crown.

Georgous George lost his head! Never one to be bashful, George put his golden locks on the line—to be forfeited if he didn't win against Toronto's Whipper Billy Watson. The match took place at Toronto and . . . George lost the match and his trademark . . . zee perfumed hair. Watson had a barber at ringside ready to make sure that George would make good on his bet . . . the moral, never bet your head.

Hartford, Connecticut is enjoying one of its most successful seasons under the leadership of promoters Manny Leibert and Sam



Enrique Romero (left) 24 year old 6 footer hailing from Sonoro, Mexico, who tips the scales at 224 pounds. Directly above we see Paul Anderson, world strong man turned wrestler. This photo was taken at Reno, Nevada, when Paul was on the night club circuit, just before turning professional.

Gulino. The place has been a sell-out for two last shows. In the first, Rocca defeated Tokyo Joe and in the second the tag team of Don Curtis and Don Lewin took the measure of The Sheik and Bull Curry.

Why is it—that in India the style of wrestling is to force your opponent off his feet or outside a circle marked on plain dirt?

Why is it—that in Thailland wrestling is combined with foot work with kicking to any part of an opponent's body completely Emily Post?

Why is it—that in some parts of the world Greco-Roman wrestling, using only the upper part of the body, is considered natural?

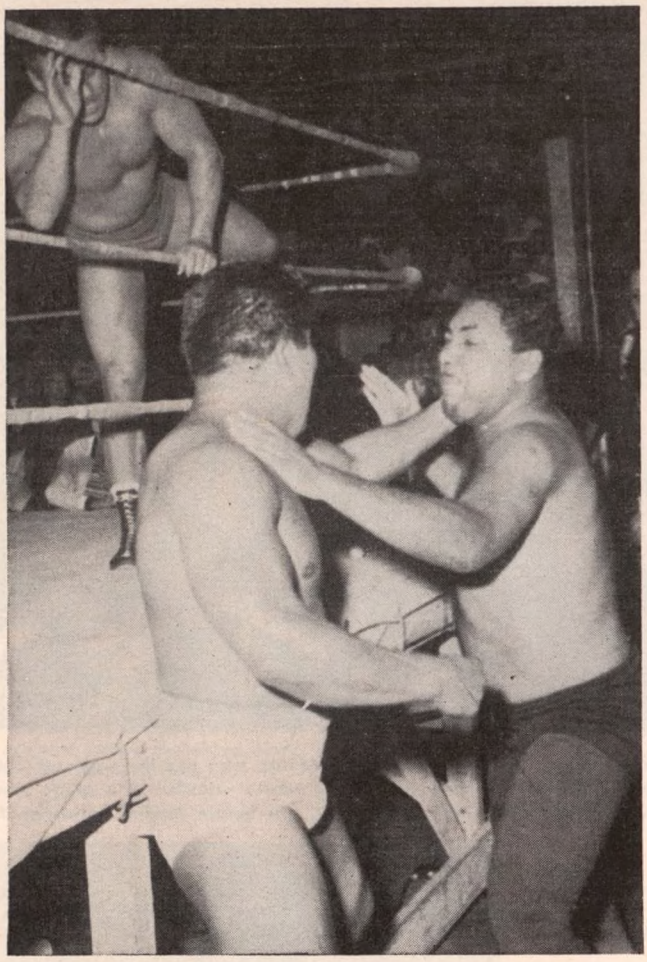
Why is it—in Canada, England, the British Empire, America, South America and most of the European Continent the Catch-as-catch-can style as used, combines the western cowboy influence? Heroes and Villains? "Eveything goes?"

Why is it—in Japan, Judo, the art of combining deadening blows with the flat of hand with leverage does not outdraw Sumo wrestling, with its rice and wine ceremonies after which the beef of Japan (200 pounders are small) attempt to push each other off balance?

POPULARITY POLL

Men	Women
1. Pat O'Connor	1. Princess Moolah
2. Antonino Rocca	2. Nell Stewart
3. Dick Hutton	3. June Byers
4. Pepper Gomez	4. May Martinez
5. Jerry Graham and Eddie Graham	5. Judy Grable
6. Ricki Starr	6. Millie Stafford
7. Billy Varga	7. Mary Jane Mull
8. Johnny Valentine	8. Betsy Ross
9. Lou Thesz	9. Penny Banner
10. Mark Tendler	10. Shirley Strimple

Frank Townsend, the singing wrestler making good in Eastern rings. He had become well-liked in Washington, D. C., and New York arenas.



Tokyo Joe and Lou Martinez battling it out outside the ring with Pepper Gomez coming to rescue of Martinez. Results? Martinez won the match when they climbed back into the ring.

FAN CLUB CORNER

Devoted to the people who love wrestling this corner salutes and will be devoted to the Fan Clubs. Following are few more of the clubs to add to our page listing of last month:

The Abe Jacobs FC, President, Marvin Zivitz, 6965 Forest Ave., Philadelphia 39, Pa.; Stars of the Mat FC, President, Millie Hypes, 827 Union Street, Salem, Mass.; The Great Antonio Fan Club, President, Kay Edwards, 2001 Rusk, Houston, Texas; Paul Anderson FC, President, Vincent Rene, 29 Ketchum Ave., Hicksville, New York; Ludwig Von Krupp FC, V. President, James A. Morrison, 231 Highland Ave., Trenton 9, N. J.; Haystack Calhoun FC, President George W. Holden Jr., 16 Willard Ave., Medford 55, Mass.; Cowboy Bob Ellis FC, President, Reggie Carles, 1814 N. Vine Street, Hollywood 28, Cal.

RITA CORTEZ

From Mexico City, Mexico, comes none other than Rita Cortez, to the ranks of our lady wrestlers. Rita, being of Spanish origin, is a descendant of the famous explorer of yesteryear's, Hernando Cortez.

Rita has what it takes . . . not only in the ring but out of it as well. Miss Cortez can hold her own in the world of beauty. She is a well proportioned girl weighing 147 pounds, all stacked on a 5 feet 7 inch curvacious body. Rita has deep black hair which is characteristic of most Mexican women and beautiful deep black eyes.

Miss Cortez has a pet hold that she calls the Mexican Bounce. The fans can see why, when they see her opponents bouncing off the canvas and on many occasions out of the ring.

Miss Cortez, loves to swim, fish, hunt and play golf. She says these sports help to give her the power she needs in the ring.

Miss Cortez is well known as "THE MEXICAN SPITFIRE." She well deserves this title because she works at top speed in the ring. Her unfortunate opponents know they have been in a battle when they are through facing The Mexican Spitfire.

Rita loves good serious music. When she is not wrestling you can find her cooking a large Mexican dinner and listening to her record collection.

Her interest in wrestling started back in Mexico with her hunger for excitement being whetted by witnessing bull fights.

ENRIQUE (RICKY) ROMERO
By Peg Colwell

One of the most outstanding and promising youngsters to invade wrestling mats in recent years, is Enrique (Ricky) Romero. Standing 6 feet at 224, this good-looking 24-year-old was born in Sonora, Mexico, but now calls sunny California his home.

Ricky started wrestling under the expert tutorage of Sandor Szabo and Vicente Lopez in California.

In his short 3½ years of professional wrestling, Ricky held the American light-heavyweight title for several months. With Cyclone Anaya as his partner, they held the World Tag Team title. In recent months, he acquired the Rocky Mountain title.

Off the mat, Ricky is an extremely pleasant and congenial person with a quiet personality. Although he is not prone to be talkative, he is an unusually well informed conversationalist. His favorite topics of conversation, however, are his two younger brothers who are following in his wrestling footsteps. Baseball, hot rods and cycles are his hobbies.

When his busy wrestling schedule permits, he enjoys participating in hot rod and cycle racing, particularly in and around the Los Angeles area.

Fans of all ages are delighted with his clean and scientific wrestling style and his constant action while in the ring. The twist-scissors is his favorite hold.

WRESTLING ACTION
By Earle F. Yetter

For years Yukon Eric, the Alaskan Powerhouse, was regarded as the strongest man in wrestling circles. However, several behemoths have come forward and are questioning the supposed superiority of Yukon. They include Hombre Montana, 325 pound South American, Mighty Ursus (Jesus Ortega) 310 pound Mexican and undefeated 25 year old, 360 pound Paul Anderson, daring newcomer from Georgia, who has amazed fans from coast to coast with his displays of strength. This is the same lad who beat the Russians single-handed in the last Olympics.

Promoter Pedro Martinez of Buffalo, N. Y. was interested in trying to find the strongest man in wrestling so recently he matched Yukon Eric with Hombre Montana for a showdown battle.

Yukon found to his amazement that Montana was equal to the occasion and fought the Alaskan right down to the finish with an equal display of strength. In this Battle of Behemoths, the fans got a real kick out of the proceedings when neither wrestler could throw the other. The battle, ferocious in its intensity, proved, however, that Eric had met a man who matched him in strength. The superiority between these two was not revealed, as Montana, in his eagerness, refused to break on the ropes and was disqualified by Referee Pete Sacco.

Bob (Legs) Langevin, wily 238 pound veteran from Montreal, is one of the leading leg wrestlers. He is a throwback to the heydays of such leg exponents as Jim Brown-

ing and Joe Stecher, both former World Champions. Jim La Rock, newcomer from Utica, N. Y. is another winning grappler who relys mainly on his legs.

There is action every minute when Guy and Joe Brunetti of Salt Lake City perform as a tag team. They have battled the best teams in the business and held the World Tag Team Championship for a period when they defeated Art Neilson and Reggie Lisowski in Topeka, Kansas, back in 1955. Both boys are drop kick specialists and have won many bouts with that maneuver.

Another rugged tag team duo are the Miller Brothers, Bill and Ed. and it is Mayhem, Inc. when they square off for action. Bill at 295 and Ed. at 305 comprise one of the heaviest teams in tag team circles and they stop at nothing in their quest for victory. When they apply the Miller "Back-Breaker" the bout is all over. Bill places an opponent on his shoulder and jostles him up and down on his spine. Bill tags Ed. who takes the struggling opponent from Bill and continues the same treatment until the victim concedes the fall.

One of the most controversial tag teams in the business is the unpredictable Kalmikoff Brothers, Karol and Ivan combination. They have become one of the most dangerous knock-down and drag-out, lay there and bleed combination to come along the pike in a blue moon. Hailing from Rostov, Russia, they are a colorful duo.

Don and Roy McClarty, Mike and Ben Sharpe, Chris and John Tolas, George and Sandy Scott, Al. and Tiny Mills, Boris and Nicoli Volkoff, Stan and Reggie Lisowski, Adrienne, Tony Baillargeon, and Antonino Rocco and Miguel Perez, are among the other brother tandens in tag team circles who are responsible for making tag team action in wrestling more popular than ever before.

Gorgeous George, the California Show-Boat of wrestling is now on a world tour and will stop in France to look over new creations in gowns which he hopes to bring back with him. One of the greatest showmen in the business, Gorgeous has parlayed a marcelled coiffure, glittering robes and Cherie Dupray, his valette into a sizeable fortune.

Buffalo, N. Y., Promoter Pedro Martinez always tries to give the fans bouts which they request. Bill and Ed. Miller, the Columbus Ohio tag team madcaps, had eliminated every team they faced in Buffalo. Then Doc. and Mike Gallagher, two tough Irishmen from Bayonne, New Jersey, moved in and announced they were ready to take on any team in the world.

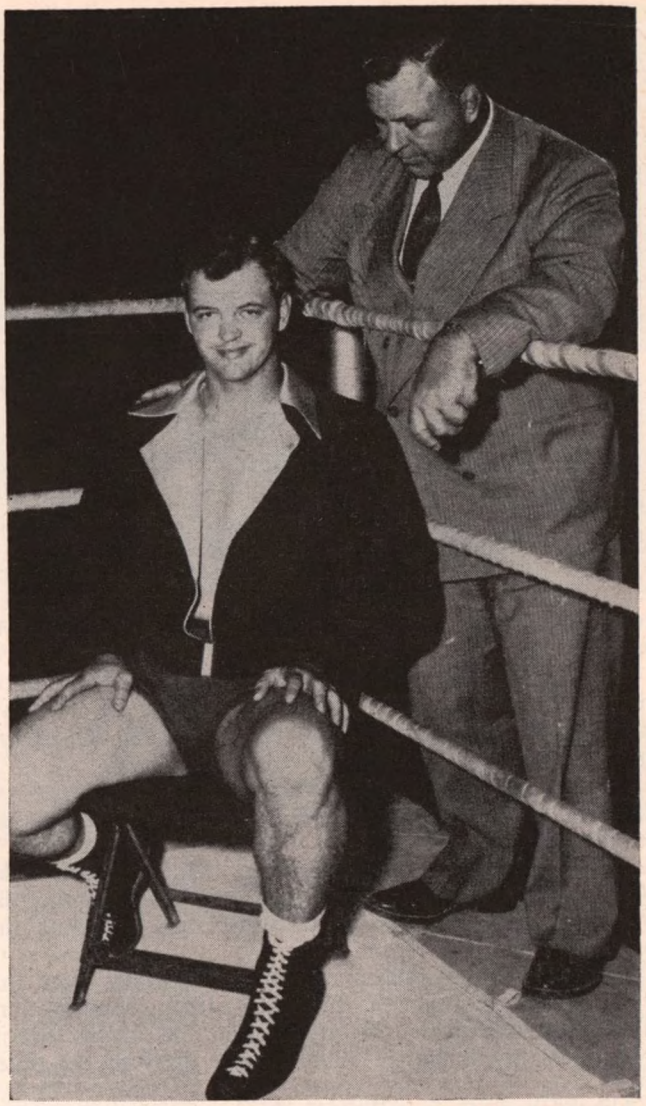
Here was a natural for Promoter Martinez . . . a two out of three falls bout between the Millers and the Gallaghers. The fans disliked both teams intensely, but they wanted to see which team was the toughest. The match was made and it proved to be the outstanding attraction of the 1958-59 season. From the start it was a pier 6 knock-down and drag-out battle.

The Gallaghers were raised in the tough water-front section of Bayonne, N. J., where they had to battle every day with strong-armed individuals to exist. They learned the hard way.

It is conceded that the Miller Brothers were hardy competitors and had raised havoc against opponents in Canada and New York State. They further realized that their position as the top tag team in New York State was threatened when the Gallaghers come up with their challenge.

The battle had not been in progress more than five minutes when the fans realized that this was it and were seen to perch on the edge of their seats. The Gallaghers, undaunted by the record of wins put up by the Millers on both sides of the border, went right to work with a vengeance.

They proceeded to batter and kick the heavier Millers from pillar to post. Doc. Gallagher was fighting viciously,



Orville Brown and his son "Speedy" Richard Brown a combination to be reckoned with. A father and son pairing that will be seriously heard from in the very near future.

but when he was cornered by both Millers, he was decked by forearm smashes and Bill dropped on him for the first fall in 11:08.

Mike Gallagher came out fighting mad in the second fall. Both he and brother Doc made Bill Miller their target and maneuvered him into a corner where both Gallaghers delabored him with savage kicks to the midsection. As Bill lay on the mat, Mike climbed to the top of the ropes and landed with a sickening thud on the prostate Bill Miller to take the second fall in 3:14.

Mike Gallagher decked Bill Miller with kicks and blows to the head and astounded 8,000 fans when he pressed Miller's shoulders to end one of the wildest tag team melees the fans have seen this season. By their victory, the Gallaghers moved into the position formerly occupied by the Millers.

It is amazing how Whipper Billy Watson, British Empire Champion and Former World Heavyweight Champion retains his popularity with the fans as the years go by. Wrestling has been good to the Whipper and he has amassed a fortune with his ring earnings and business enterprises.

The secret of Watson's popularity was not solely manifested through his ring ability, but through his many humane acts to those who are less fortunate in this world.

One night Billy was mobbed by a crowd of youngsters,

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Seen and Heard in new york

By JERSEY JONES

ALTHOUGH his sports activities were identified mainly with horse racing and professional football, Tim Mara, 71 when he died recently, also had a few notable adventures in boxing.

One was when he, Gene Tunney and the latter's manager, Billy Gibson, became embroiled in a bitter legal wrangle following Tunney's winning of the heavyweight title from Jack Dempsey in Philadelphia.

As we recall the details, Mara claimed he had an agreement calling for him to receive 10 percent of Tunney's earnings if he got the Dempsey match and any subsequent purses earned by Gene if he became champion.

Tunney and Gibson maintained that the agreement was effective only if, through Mara's "influence", the Dempsey match was held in New York.

No native New Yorker had, until then, fought for the heavyweight title, and Tunney not only wanted to be the first but he wanted the added satisfaction of doing the fighting in his home town.

Gene was getting rugged opposition, however, from Jim Farley, then chairman of the State Athletic Commission. Farley had decreed that Dempsey could not risk his title in New York unless Harry Wills was the party of the other part.

Gibson had strong political connections, but not strong enough to overcome Farley's opposition.

Mara was recommended as one who had the power to swing the deal. Believing that Tim could get the Dempsey match here, Tunney and Gibson agreed to "cut him in" not only on their purse for that bout but on Gene's future earnings as champion if he won the title.

As it happened, Mara, with all his supposedly powerful "influence," was unable to bring the fight to New York. Eventually, it went to Philadelphia.

Mara maintained the agreement didn't specify the bout had to be in New York, and that so long as Tunney got his crack at the title it was immaterial where the fight was staged. Tim started suit for what he insisted was his rightful share of Gene's purse.

With a long, expensive legal battle shaping up, the case was suddenly settled out of court. We don't recall if the financial figures were announced publicly, but we have a hazy notion that Mara accepted $20,000 to withdraw from the scene.

MARA'S PROMOTIONAL VENTURES.

Operating as the Aram (Mara spelled backwards) Athletic Club, Tim promoted a couple of fight cards in the New York baseball parks during the early '30s. Al Weill was his matchmaker.

The first show, headed by Lou Brouillard and Jimmy McLarnin, was a financial disappointment. Presented in the Yankee Stadium during the summer of 1932, the card drew about 10,000 witnesses and gross receipts of less than $30,000.

Mara, a good gambler, wasn't discouraged, although he must have lost at least $20,000 on the venture. A year later he came back, this time at the Yankee Stadium, with a return match between Barney Ross and Tony Canzoneri for the lightweight title.

For a show held in the midst of the Depression, the turnout was remarkable. The paid attendance was announced as 29,000 with the box-office showing a gross of $113,786 and a net of $98,521. Unfortunately, Mara was a bit too generous with his paychecks and it is doubtful if he showed much, if any, profit on the venture. Ross and Canzoneri whacked up about $60,000 between them, and the Hearst Free Milk Fund for Babies came in for a handsome donation. Out of what was left, Mara had to pay for his matchmaking department, the rental of the stadium, a strong preliminary card, a publicity staff and the many incidental expenses that pile up on a promotion of that sort.

DICK LOADMAN AND EDDIE SHEVLIN.

A pair of rugged campaigners who were good enough to fight champions but never quite good enough to win titles passed on within a few days of each other recently. Heart attacks carried off Dick Loadman, 65, and Eddie Shevlin, also 65, in their respective home towns of Homestead, Pa., and Boston, Mass.

Loadman, who fought 'em all in the bantam class and many of the top 'uns among the feathers, made something of a career tangling with opponents who were, had been or later became champions. As a bantam he battled Kid Williams twice, in Buffalo and Baltimore; Joe Lynch twice, in Providence and New York, and he knocked out Johnny (Kewpie) Ertle in Milwaukee when Ertle was disputing Williams' claim to the title.

Jimmy Goodrich, later lightweight champion, was a featherweight when Loadman met him in Buffalo. Dick's impressive record also showed bouts with Richie Mitchell, Lew Tendler, Memphis Pal Moore, Earl Puryear, Joe Burman, Al Shubert, Eddie Campi, Kid Koster, Eddie and Phil O'Dowd, Ernie Goozeman, Benny Valger, Little Jack Sharkey and Eddie O'Keefe. One of Loadman's outstanding performances was to take a decision from George (K.O.) Chaney in Baltimore.

The veteran Hughie Shannon of Buffalo writes: "Loadman was the easiest to handle of all the boxers I ever managed. He never argued about opponents or purses. He was ready to fight anybody at any time. Dick was the strongest bantam I've ever seen, even stronger than Kid Williams. I assumed his management in 1916 when he was 22 and had been fighting four or five years. I brought him to Buffalo and placed him in Jimmy Duffy's training camp in Lockport. That was his headquarters for nine years, until he quit fighting in 1925 and returned to Homestead. During his career Loadman had about 125 bouts and was never knocked out. A grand little fighter, it was unfortunate he never won a championship. He richly deserved one."

John Prendergast became "Eddie Shevlin" in his first amateur bout when he substituted for and used the name of a

schoolboy chum. Since his family was not enthused with boxing—an older brother had given up the ring because of parental objection—he carried his adopted *non de guerre* with him throughout his career, which began in 1908 and ended in 1925.

Shevlin didn't miss many of the top welterweights during his eventful span in the ring. He even stepped out of his class on occasions to tangle with middleweights. Listed among his many prominent opponents were Jack Britton, Paul Doyle, Jack Perry, Pete Latzo, Georgie Ward, Nate Siegel, Dave Shade, Tommy (Young Kloby) Corcoran, Al Mello, Roland Todd and Sergeant Sammy Baker.

Throughout most of his ring career Shevlin combined his busy leather-pushing with the job of boxing instructor at Dartmouth College. He also earned the distinction of serving in both World Wars, with the Navy in the first and the Army in the second. In recent years he had been a truant officer with the Boston school system and a deputy sheriff of his county.

AN ACT OF PROVIDENCE.

Realizing the necessity of encouraging and developing young hometown talent for future professional operations, Providence promoter Mannie Almeida recently got together with a local television station and arranged for a weekly (Saturday afternoon) one-hour program of novice bouts staged in a local ballroom. So far the results have been little short of sensational. Not only have youngsters by the hundreds been clamoring for the chance to box, but the shows have stirred up tremendous interest throughout the Providence area. With no admission charged, the ballroom is jammed to overflowing at every show, and conspicuous among the attendees are families of the youthful contestants. Almeida figures it costs him from $150 to $200 per show, but, as he says, "it's well worth it." He's already come up with several likely-looking prospects.

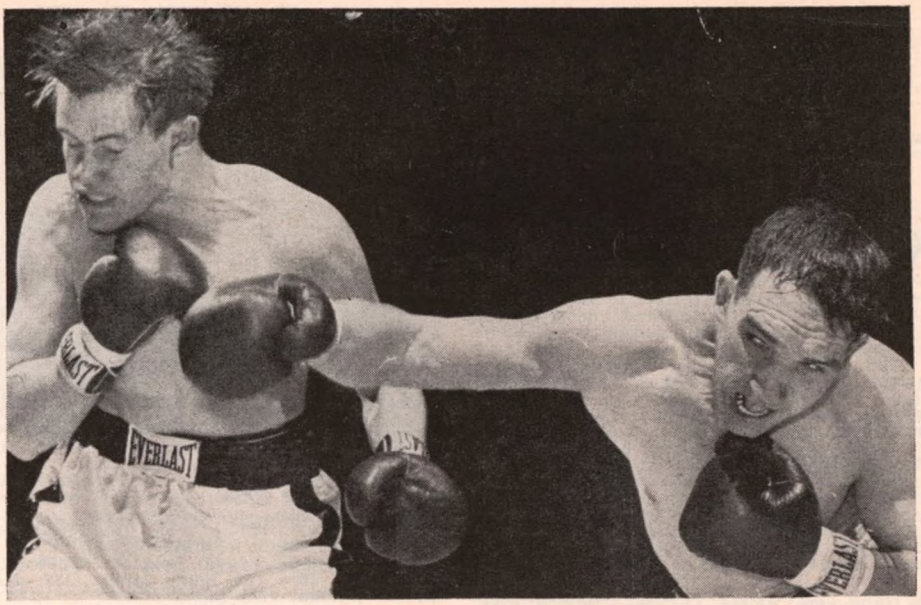
Discussing Providence, one of the town's veterans in the trade, Johnny Paris, is ill at the Westchester County Home in Hawthorne, N. Y., and would like to hear from some of his old pals. A boxer in his youth, Paris later branched out as a manager, trainer and second, and through the years was associated at various times with such prominent operatives as Leo P. Flynn, Doc Bagley, Dan Morgan, Jack Bulger and Eddie Mead.

B. M. Hullinger of Lima, Ohio, writes: "March issue of The Ring has Denny Moyer as 1957 National A.A.U. welterweight champion. If you will check, you will find it was Don Hullinger of Lima, O. He beat Willie Moran of Louisville, Ky., in the final." . . . We've checked and Mr. Hullinger is right. Don Hullinger won the 147-pound title. Moyer was winner in the middleweight (156-pound) division.

It didn't take Willie Pep long to get off the list of the unemployed. The one-time Will-o'-the-Wisp had hardly announced his retirement from the ring when he connected with the Hampden-Harvard Breweries of Chicopee, Mass., as trade relations representative for the Springfield-Hartford area.

THE month's results:

Uncovering the best form he had displayed in a year or more, Gaspar Ortega, 146½, Mexico, outlasted Rudell Stitch, 144, Louisville, to take a split decision in an exciting, free-punching ten in Madison Square Garden. The aggressive, hard-hitting Stitch got off to a fast start, shaking Ortega several times in the early rounds. In the third a collision of heads stunned the Mexican and opened a gash above his left eye. Although blood trickled steadily from the wound for the rest of the fight, clever cornerwork by Jimmy August kept the damage from worsening, and the injury didn't seem to bother Ortega unduly. In the fourth the Mexican began to get the range and from then on he generally had the better of the frequent, sizzling exchanges. Although both boys were staggered often, there were no knockdowns. After the bout eight stitches were needed to patch the cut over Ortega's eye. Johnny Gorman, 144½, West Side, was too industrious for Alan Kennedy, 146, Bay City, Mich., in the semi-final six. In other sixes, Greatest Crawford, 158¾, Brooklyn, decisioned Eddie Wright, 161, Philadelphia, and Billy Pickett, 156, Harlem, polished off Art Glass, 153, Dayton, O., at 2:09 of the fifth. In fours, Jack Smith, 129½, Harlem, won from William Viera, 134½, Puerto Rico, and former British amateur Dave Coventry, 136½, now living in Irvington, N. J., posted his second professional victory by outboxing Tommy Haden, 131½, Brooklyn.



Canadian middleweight Wilfie Greaves (left) is spun around by a wild right tossed by former world champion Gene Fullmer in gruelling battle in Madison Square Garden. Fullmer needed strong finish to edge out close decision.

▶ Continuing unbeated at the St. Nicholas Arena, Stefan-Redl, 146, Passaic, N. J., ran his winning skein there to ten by romping to an easy decision over Ernie (Sonny Boy) Williams, 146¼, Washington, D. C., in a not-too-exciting ten. Aggressor most of the way, stocky Redl did his most effective scoring with looping lefts and rights to Williams' head. Actually a lightweight, Williams was handicapped rather than helped by the seven or eight pounds of excess avoirdupois he toted into the ring. They slowed him down and he fought mainly in flurries. The Washingtonian did display a good left hook, however, and he scored well with it to Redl's body. The best round of the fight was the sixth when both boys took turns in rocking each other in lively exchanges. Williams was warned for butting in the fourth and seventh. Eddie Vick, 181½, Rochester, N. Y., edged out Don McAteer, 176½, Paterson, N. J., in the semi-final six. Another six ended at 1:52 of the fifth, with Emile Griffith, 147¾, West Side, stopping Willie Johnson, 149, Lumberton, N. C. In fours, Joe Rubino, 160, Bronx, outpointed Felix Machado, 163, Cuba; John Torres, 153, Paterson, won from Joey Versace, 149½, Poughkeepsie, and Jimmy McNair, 156½, Bronx, outfought Frankie Van, 156, Bayonne. The non-TV'd card drew a disappointing turnout of 1,145 and gross receipts of $2,424.17.

▶ Friday, the 13th, held no terrors for Frankie Ryff, 137½, as the Bronx veteran turned in a sparkling exhibition of fancy footwork and snappy punching to take a decision from Cisco Andrade, 135, Compton, Cal., in an entertaining ten in Madison Square Garden. Although he won handily enough, Ryff was a well-smeared victor. Plagued by his old bugaboo, slashed eyebrows, Frankie also bled from the nose, mouth and right cheek, but none of the damage was serious enough to bother him as he danced in and out, around and about, pumping a steady stream of left jabs and hooks at the aggressive but slower Andrade. Now and then, to further confuse the Californian, Ryff would switch momentarily to southpaw tactics, jabbing with his right and following with his left. Most of the action was at long range, and there were very few clinches. Despite the blizzard of leather into which he plunged, Andrade had only a slight cut on the forehead to show for ten exceptionally fast and clever rounds of action. Another Californian, Monroe Ratliff, 181¼, San Diego, also was a loser in the semi-final. He was beaten by heavier, stronger Larry Zernitz, 199½, New Haven, in a dull ten. Wally Livingston, 126¾, Trenton, N. J., was held to a draw by the veteran Al Tisi, 133½, East Side, in six. In fours, Vernon Lynch, 126¼, West Side, outpointed Tommy Smith, 124, Harlem, and Tommy Leeks, 149, Harlem, stopped a neighborhood rival, Jimmy Jones, at 2:42 of the second.

▶ Promoted to main-event status and traveling beyond six rounds for the first time in 18 professional bouts, Billy Hunter, 188¾, Detroit, conceded nearly 30 pounds and registered a surprise win over the ponderous but fading veteran Bob Baker, 218, Pittsburgh, in an unspectacular ten at St. Nicholas Arena. For four rounds Hunter seemed awed by the occasion and allowed cumbersome Baker to set the pace. The Pittsburgher scored well with body punches but didn't seem to bother Hunter unduly. As Baker tired, Hunter gained confidence and began to take the initiative in the fifth. In that round a collision of heads ripped a nasty gash above Baker's left eye. From then on Hunter was boss of operations. He was too fast and shifty for the slow-moving veteran. Baker lost a tooth in the seventh. Pittsburgh's boxing prestige was partially redeemed by Alonzo Johnson, 187½, who displayed fine promise in trouncing Charley Forest, 182¼, Harlem, in the semi-final eight. West Indians had a perfect 3-0 score in a trio of fours, Angel Coloncito, 121¼, Puerto Rico, outpointing Manuel Rodriguez, 120½, East Side; Anselmo Castillo, 124¾, Puerto Rico, beating Avery Cunningham, 121½, Paterson, N. J., and Bartolo Soni, 177½, Dominican Republic, posting the only knockout of the night by disposing of Cornelius Brown, 193, Bronx, at 2:53 of the first. No official statistics on attendance and receipts were announced, but the card drew an estimated 700 and $1,500, probably the poorest figures accounted for since the St. Nick began operating without TV.

▶ A desperate closing rally carried former world middleweight champion Gene Fullmer, 161, West Jordan, Utah, to a close decision over the Canadian title-holder, Wilfie Greaves, 162, Edmonton, in a gruelling ten in Madison Square Garden. Greaves proved a stubborn foe for Fullmer, and Gene had to go all out to win. Winner of his last 13 previous starts, mainly on the minor circuits, Greaves displayed little respect for Fullmer's reputation. Scoring well with left jabs and right counters and drawing blood from Fullmer's nose and a slight nick alongside his right eye, Greaves was leading at the half-way mark. At that point, however, Fullmer stepped up the pace and from then on his strength and stamina were a bit too much for the Canadian. After the bout it was learned that Fullmer had injured his right hand early in the bout. It was Gene's ninth straight win since his loss of the middleweight title to Ray Robinson in Chicago nearly two years before. In the semi-final, listed for ten but cut to eight because of TV time, unbeaten Eddie Jordan, 146, Brooklyn, scored his most important victory to date by beating Mel Barker, 147, Austin, Tex. In another ten, Jay Fullmer, 136½, younger

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IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA

By BILL MILLER

CIVIL war brews in Los Angeles—pugilistically, that is, George Parnassus, Olympic Auditorium matchmaker, made the announcement, following Joe Becerra's knockout over Mario D'Agata, that he was bringing Alphonse Halimi, world banty boss, to Los Angeles for a title match with the Mexican battler.

Almost simultaneously, Jackie Leonard, promoter and matchmaker at Hollywood Legion Stadium, stated that he was wiring Halimi an offer of $60,000. to defend his title in L.A. against Toluco Lopez, following Toluco's sensational 2-round kayo over Boots Monroe in the Filmville arena.

So what's gonna happen?

Halimi has good reason to love California. He drew $209,000. here in 1957 against Raton Macias—Wrigley Field, Los Angeles, November 6th. Largest gate ever drawn by bantamweights in the U. S.

▶ Handsome Mauro Vazques, Mexico City, 133½, tallied his 22nd straight victory, his 19th knockout, at the expense of Ike Chestnut, New York, 132, at the Olympic Auditorium. But it was an unsatisfactory ending.

Chestnut, 4-1 underdog, had taken a savage beating in the third round, and he went to his corner with his right eye shut tight. Following the rest period, Trainer Whitey Bimstein and Manager Freddie Fierro called Referee Mushy Callahan to their corner and complained that Chestnut had been thumbed.

After the bell had sounded for Round 4, the complaints continued. Referee Callahan called in Dr. Robert Rocke, club medic, and the doctor stated that in his opinion Chestnut was able to continue.

Messrs. Fierro and Bimstein disagreed. They refused to let Ike come out of his corner, and the referee had no alternative but to raise Vazquez' hand in token of victory. It goes in the record book as a 4-round knockout.

The crowd, announced as 7,833, which had paid a gross of $20,077, to see the scrap, was not happy about the termination, and vented displeasure loudly and eloquently.

Regardless of the outcome, Vazquez is still untied and undefeated, and will henceforth be known as the Golden Boy, 1959 model. He'll pack 'em in on his next appearance, provided his opponent has a "name".

It was Ike's ninth Los Angeles scrap; his gross purses, including the $5,750. he got for this one, aggregate $55,292.

For Vazquez, it was his seventh Los Angeles appearance, his fourth local kayo.

In the semi-final, screduled for six, lead-fisted Curly Lee, 184¾, scored a 4-round kayo over David Walker, 181. It was Lee's seventh kayo in ten pro starts; he has lost only one. Keep your eye on this kid. He'll be heard from.

In another six, Vince Davi, 148, scored a 6th round TKO over Jose Campos, 146½. The fours: Mike Coronado, 148, dec. Frank Ramirez, 145, and Roy Smith, 180½, drew with Cleveland Graham, 179.

▶ Following a lengthy and somewhat boring investigation by our August State Athletic Commission, it was announced that Aragon was fined $2,000., and Sawyer $1,000., for their recent performance, Aragon was getting a guarantee of $8,000, Sawyer, $2,000. The fight drew about $18,500.

Attorneys for both boys—Paul Caruso for Aragon, Norman Sugarman for Sawyer—promptly promised a hot legal battle Both are capable barristers.

All witnesses agreed that it was a one-sided fight—some called it terrible—but nobody could prove that the fix was in.

It seems to this writer that by permitting the fight to continue, after an unsatisfactory first round in which Sawyer was thrice dropped to the canvas, Hart legitimized the fight.

▶ Tiger Al Williams, 161½, "looked more like a playful kitten" in the words of John de la Vega, L.A Times, even though he scored a 6th round TKO over Chebo Hernandez, 161½, Juarez, at Hollywood Legion Stadium.

It was Williams all the way. He piled up points with a punishing left hook to head and face, and apparently used his right hand only for exhibition purposes. Anyway, Hernandez refused to come out after the bell had sounded for the 6th, claiming a paralyzed left side.

In the semi-final, slated for six, Walter Tyler, 150, scored a 4th round kayo over Ed Hickman, 153. The fours: John Smith, 156½, KO (1) over Jeff Jones, 159; Chuck Whittaker, 133½, dec. David Camecho, 137; and Cliff Hawkins, 178½, technical draw with Bob Mumford, 205, 2nd round. Mumford suffered a cut eye, due to butt.

▶ A new fight club made its bow at Long Beach California, with Leon Black at the helm. A crowd of nearly 2,000 paid $2800. gross to see two German boys triumph in the two tens that topped the card.

Karl-Heinz Guder, 159, toyed with Sonny Hett, 157; and Edgar Basel, 117, whipped Baby Rios, 119½—both ten-rounders. Both of the winners came from the stable of Baron Heinrich von Stumme.

In the fours: Lloyd Cook, 160, defeated Artie Fox, 161; and Kildo Muniz, 138, dec. Lloyd Wilson, also 138.

▶ Tony Dominguez, promising Hayward middleweight, had been doing well in his career as a crowd pleasing preliminary battler. When he faced seasoned Joe Neal of Stockton in his first main event, it was looked upon as a big test. Dominguez passed this important milestone by decisioning Neal in eight rounds. They fought at the Auditorium in Richmond.

Weights: Dominguez, 157½; Neal 155½. Promoter Jimmy Cosenza's show grossed $1576. Referee Matt Zidich's score sheet showed 80-73 for Dominguez.

Neal handed out as much as he received in the first three rounds. The veteran's pacing timetable got its first big upset in the fourth, when he had to use all his defensive skill and footwork to stay erect.

Dominguez' bullseyes with rights to the chin were less frequent in the closing four rounds, but he was well ahead in each of them.

Ocie Chatman, 182, Oakland, outpointed Teddy Martin, 171, San Jose, in another eight.

In the fours: Faatagi Palega, 147, dec. Milton Jones, 147; Morris Duran 132, outpointed Johnny Cate, 131; Bob Major, 138, drew with Howard Pasley, 137.

▶ Newest importation from Mexico is Roberto (Mono) Garcia, a chunky youth with a potent wallop, and he made an impressive debut at Hollywood Legion Stadium by scoring a one-round knockout over Jimmy Moser. Garcia, 136; Moser, 131.

Mono—that's Spanish for "monkey"—lost no time in finding the range. Midway in Round 1, Garcia droped Moser for a count of seven. Moser got up, but he should have stood on the floor for seconds later he was dropped again, this time for the full count.

Moser put on a bit of a show; claimed he hadn't heard the count of nine, etcetera, etcetera. The time: 2:34, Round 1.

In case Moser needs an alibi: he is the featherweight champion of California and can scale 126, and he was up against a guy who weighed 136. At all events, Garcia from Acapulco has won himself a temporary home.

In the semi-final, Cesar Sanchez, 116½, snared a tight-fit decision over Pico Campo, 120½. In the fours, Jimmy "Wild-man" Harryman, 191½, got up from a knockdown in Round 1 to flatten Cleve Graham, 182, in Round 2 (the best fight of the night); Al Vega, 116½, dec. Paul Ramos, 118; Andy Martinez, 148, TKO (3) over Percy Bradley, 148; and Curly Levenson, 191½, KO (1) over Kayo Rockman, 202.

▶ About a year ago Julian Velasquez received a head injury in his bout with Eddie Gasparra and since then on and off he has been hospitalized. His manager, Harry Kabatsoff and others came to Velasquez's aid. And now following John Hall's story about Julian Velasquez in the Mirror-News and his brave battle against odds. Paul Caruso, the personable young lawyer who manages Art Aragon, got together with Jackie Leonard, promoter-matchmaker at Hollywood Legion Stadium, for a "Julian Velasquez Night" at the Filmville arena. Those are the things that warms the heart.

Querino Furiano, manager of Vince Delgado and owner of a furniture manufacturing company, has come forward with an offer of a job for Julian and a doctor from Coldwater Canyon has offered free medical treatment. Other readers wrote Hall, offering to contribute to a fund for Juljan.

Kinda revives one's faith in human nature!

▶ George Main, of the L.A. Herald-Express, wandered out to La Crescenta, not far from L.A., to interview big Jess Willard. The big fellow told George that "mobsters took his title that afternoon at Toledo". He declared "Dempsey had more in his gloves that afternoon than his fist."

▶ In a wild and woolly fracas at the Olympic Auditorium, Baby Vasquez, Mexico, 135½, won the unanimous decision over talented Jimmy Hornsby, 135½. But there were some boos from the audience when the official verdicts were announced.

In the 8th round, Hornsby nailed Vasquez with a right to the jaw, and down went the Mexican battler. A veteran of nine years in the ring, he was smart enough to grab and hang on to Hornsby until his head cleared. He was up at the count of three, but got the benefit of a few more seconds when Referee Lee Grossman leisurely wiped his gloves.

This was Hornsby's 12th pro fight.

The score-cards were unique: referee Lee Grossman, 96-91; Judge Dick Young, 95-91; Judge Russ Bradford, 94-93—and as a ringside spectator, I go along with Bradford's tally. In fact, I'd have called it a draw, since Hornsby scored the only knockdown of a close fight.

The gross gate was $2,148.

In the semi-final, slated for six, Cal Houston, 163½, scored a 5th round TKO over Nolan Davis, 159. The fours: Sporty Harvey, 204, drew with Roy Smith, 180. (This fellow Harvey was publicized as having gone 10 rounds with Roy Harris. The truth: he met Harris in 1955, in Roy's second pro fight, and lost a 6-round decision to the Cut 'n Shoot kid.) Paul Ramos, 116, dec. Babe Bailes, 118, and Ray Mancinas, 154, dec. Paul Fair, 147.

▶ Felix (Pelon) Cervantes, 125, hit-and-run speedster from Mexicali, won the unanimous decision over Billy Peacock, 123, at Hollywood Legion Stadium. With a decided edge in height and reach, the Mexican tap-tapped his way to a one-sided win.

Referee John Thomas, 99-94; Judge Joey Olmos, 100-92; and Judge Reg Gillmore, 99-92.

In the semi-final, slated for six, Bobby Sand, 173, KO (4) over Tony Burton, 175. The fours: Don Johnson, 125½, KO (2) over Charles Marshall, 126; Willie Bell, 166, dec. Pepi Barba, 164½; and Johnny Wallace, 148, dec. Mike Coronado, 147.

▶ All the following reports come from Jerry Mullany—In the first holiday afternoon fight in San Francisco in many years, hard-hitting Paolo Rosi of Italy won a split decision over Flash Elorde of the Philippines. The busy battlers kept a crowd of 4434 cheering throughout in their ten-rounder at the Cow Palace. Weights: Rosi, 135; Elorde, 132.

Casual viewers centered their attention on Rosi's face, which was blood-spattered through most of the encounter. To them it appeared that Elorde had a definite edge in the scoring. But Rosi's harder punching resulted in Referee Frankie Carter having the Italian ahead by 100-94. Other officials had it much closer, Judge Eddie James voting for Rosi, 98-97. Judge Jack Downey had Elorde ahead, 96-93.

The fight grossed $16,927, with a net of $14,983.

In the later sessions Rosi got on the target with his heavy rights, despite his vision being hampered by the blood spilling. Many of these forceful shots to head and body sent Elorde into retreat.

The show started off with a fast ten-rounder between Luke Easter, 137, S. F., and Leo Agbulos, 139, Stockton. Easter warmed up after a slow start to win the decision.

In the finale bout after the main event, former AAU bantam champion Herman Marquez, 119½, Stockton, outpointed Frankie Duarte, 119, San Jose.

▶ Though he seemed hesitant to cut loose with the potent right hand which had kayoed Lauro Salas and floored Don Jordan, Richmond's top audience pleaser, Art Ramponi, was able to win a decision over Dick Kirby by straight boxing. The lightweights clashed

at the Civic Auditorium in Richmond.

Hometowner Ramponi weighed 137; Kirby, from Los Angeles, scaled 135½. It was Ramponi's second straight comeback victory since his return from the Army. Gross receipts were $2,312 in the program promoted by Jimmy Cosenza. Referee Tony Bosnich, sole official, scored it 98-94 for slender Arthur.

Ronnie Perez, 124, San Leandro, outpointed Manuel Sifuentes, 125, L. A., in a six-rounder.

Four rounders: Johnny Payne, 169, dec. Jim Fisher, 174; Morris Duran, 135, outpointed Johnny Cate, 130; Richie Matsumura, 131, dec. Al Carroll, 129; Eddie Chacon, 127, outpointed Max Telles, 131.

▶ Sacramento fans turned out in good numbers and looked appraisingly at the main eventers. Was their favorite Joey Lopes still speedy and rugged after being sidelined several months with a kidney ailment? And how had many years in the Top Ten affected prominent lightweight Orlando Zulueta?

The answers were satisfactory. Lopes appeared faster than at any time in the past two years, but yet was not good enough to outspeed Zulueta. The shifty Cuban took a split decision from Lopes in ten rounds.

The bout, promoted by the Larry Duccini Boxing Club, attracted $8,551 gross admissions to the Sacramento Memorial Auditorium. Judge Mario Duccini voted 96-94 for Zulueta. Judge Fred Bottaro called it even, 96-96. Referee Pete Morelli had the Cuban ahead, 95-94.

Zulueta and Lopes had fought in Washington, D. C., more than two years ago, with Orlando winning a split decision.

Joe Sullivan, 180, S. F., boxed a draw with Teddy Martin, 177, Sacramento, in a six-rounder.

Other results: George Page, 132, TKO'd Bobby Larkins, 133, in 1; Al Carroll, 133, dec. Al Medrano, 135, in 4; Murphy Holmes, 158, KO'd Larry Goodwin, 156, in 1.

▶ The fast-charging battler known as the Brooklyn Billygoat had once been lightweight champion of the world—his dapper opponent is regarded by many as the cleverest boxer of the past decade. Oakland fans were treated to a clash of vastly opposing styles when Johnny Gonsalves jabbed, parried and side-stepped his way to a decision over Paddy DeMarco in ten rounds.

Weights: Gonsalves, 140; DeMarco, 141. Gonsalves was on his "home grounds," the Oakland Civic Auditorium. It was the third straight victory for Johnny, who had recently fought himself back into the top ten of the lightweights.

Consensus on the official score cards was 100 to 92 for Gonsalves. Gross receipts were $6,705.

Jerry Hunnicutt, 156, dec. Billy Murray, 151, in six; Ocie Chatman, 187, outpointed Billy Fields, 207, in six; Eddie Moore, 132, drew with Johnny Cate, 131, in four.

▶ Up from old Mayheeco came Hilario Morales, a lightweight who can really smite with a mighty right, to make a most impressive U. S. debut at the Olympic Auditorium by scoring a clean kayo over Javellana Kid, Philippines, who was also making his first appearance in Los Angeles. Morales, 135; Javellana Kid, 136.

It was reportedly Morales' 36th win in 38 fights; his 21st knockout. If you'll take a gander at Page 685, 1959 Ring Record Book, you'll see 22 of those fights listed. The other 16 were lost, strayed or stolen; probably took place in the Mexican hinterland.

For Javellana, it was his 25th pro fight; he has won 20, lost five. His U. S. record is not bad; six fights, four wins.

In the six-round semi-final, Billy Thomas, 127, decisioned Richard Page, 129.

The four-rounders: Jesse Lejia, 125, TKO (4) over Raul Elizado, 121½; Tino Salazar, 113, dec. Sandy Garcia, 114; and Bobby Harris, 163, split dec. over Easie Williams, 158.

TEXAS BOXING NEWS
By Harlan Haas

FIVE FIGHTS WERE HELD IN THE LONE STAR STATE during the month of February. The biggest, both from a monetary and attendance standpoint, was the world's lightweight title mix in which Joltin' Joe Brown retained his crown by outpointing rugged Johnny Busso. Over 11,000 fans packed the Sam Houston Coliseum, and crowdwise it was the most successful championship fight ever held in Texas. The story of the bout has appeared in April issue.

▶ El Paso, Texas, Alkie Nicholson, Promoter—Roy Harris, 198, Cut 'n Shoot, battered a game John Hunt, 203½, Tyler, into submission in five rounds. However, a mixup in the count of the final knockdown caused the decision to be changed to a five round decision win for Harris rather than a five round knockout. The ref and the timekeeper weren't together on the count. The colorful heavyweight contender from Cut 'n Shoot was very impressive.

In a bout of contrasting styles, classy Johnny Gonsalves boxed his way to a ten rounds decision over former world lightweight champion Paddy DeMarco at the Oakland Civic Auditorium.

Henry Gutierrez, 139½, stopped Pete Ruiz, 143, in seven. Johnny Shaw, 131, whipped Marcelino Vargas, 135½, eight rounds. Arnulfo Melendez, 137½, decisioned Jow Shaw, 135, in another eight. Loyd Kirkpatrick, 149, defeated Louis Garduno, 149, in the four round curtain raiser.

Houston, Texas, Texas Boxing Enterprises, Inc.—The preliminaries in the Joe Brown-Johnny Busso title bout follow:

Paul Jorgensen, 128, Pt. Arthur, trimmed tough Victor Manuel Quijano, 129, Mexico City, in 10. Matt Plachy, 177, Budapest, Hungary, stopped lanky Al Antoine, 186, Houston, in a great thriller that saw both boys give and take, with Antoine injuring his hand. Joey Archer, 160, Bronx, stopped game Ken Biggs, 158, Houston, in five rounds. Archer was winning his 22nd fight without a setback, and is ready for bigger things. Definitely a boy to watch.

▶ Corpus Christi—Nick Lara (123) decisioned Joey Gomez (124) four rounds. Richard Guillen (119) decisioned Francisco Ortiz (115) four rounds. Jose Zapata (165) decisioned Manuel Banuelos (166) four rounds. Antero Molina (124½) kayoed Gerardo Isoba (120) two rounds. Rudy Valdez (118) kayoed Gino Tovar (118) eight rounds—Championship!

▶ McAllen—Hilario Cavazos, Promoter—Francisco Ortiz (113) kayoed Raymundo Garcia (116) four rounds. Jesus Garcia (112) decisioned Porfirio Ramos (113) six rounds. Miguel Juarez (122) Tkayoed Abel Pena (120) four rounds. Andres Garcia (116) Tkayoed Aurelio Reyna (118) four rounds.

▶ McAllen—Hilario Cavazos, Promoter—Bobby Garza (134) decisioned German Reyes (138) ten rounds. Miguel Juarez (120) decisioned Abel Pena (118) eight rounds. Carlos Bazan (140½) kayoed Julio de la Rosa (142) two rounds. Elpidio Delgado (126) decisioned Antonio Ramirez (125) four rounds.

▶ Anyone desiring copy of the Joe Brown-Johnny Busso Championship Souvenir Program can send twenty-five cents (25¢) to Harlan Haas, 4903 Laurel, Bellaire, Texas. and I will be glad to mail you one.

BUFFALO, N. Y.
By Hugh Shannon

BOXING IS DOING A HEALTHY COMEBACK IN BUFFALO. Promoter Pedro Martinez has staged three shows and the attendance is gradually improving. Martinez has offered Floyd Patterson a $100,000 guarantee to meet a British heavyweight here at Memorial Auditorium.

▶ Jackie Donnelly of South Buffalo has chalked up another victory. Jackie defeated Jimmy DiMura of Syracuse in a hectic eight rounder. Both boxers weighed 135. Donnelly has now won twelve straight bouts. In a companion match, Indian Buddy Jackson, 153½, Springville, dropped a split decision to get Gene Tortorice, 148¼, Niagara Falls. A rematch is in the making.

▶ One of the nation's best known trainers of athletes, Jimmy Hutch of Buffalo, died on March 5th at the age of 75. He started his career as a trainer of bicycle riders around the turn of the century and shortly afterward became trainer for Warren Zurbick, a top welterweight, and Tommy Burns who later claimed the world's heavyweight title.

▶ PRESS ROW . . . Jack Laing, former sports editor of the Buffalo Courier-Express, is now writing a sports column five days a week for that newspaper. . . . Sportscaster Charlie Bailey of Radio Station WEBR is doing a splendid job covering all sports. Charlie used to be the boxing writer for the old Buffalo Times.

MARYLAND'S MERRY MAULERS
By Joe Poodles, Sr.

WARNELL BOOM LESTER, MARYLAND HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION, CAME up hot for his third comeback bout with Wayne Bethea at the Baltimore Coliseum. Going into the tenth and final round it was anybody's fight. Then Bethea threw a desperation right that put the Bel Air, Md., belter out cold.

Wayne dominated the first half of the bout by staying on top of his much smaller foe only to run out of gas and then Bethea was in trouble as Lester was teeing off from center field in an endeavor to score a kayo. Lester was caught coming off the ropes with the punch that starched him. Bethea at 205 outweighed his rival 22 pounds.

1,658 paying customers paid $3,343 gross, with the game showing vast improvement here with each show. Al Flora's Charles Center boxing club promoted.

The semi-final bout between Rudy Watkins of Baltimore and Bobby Hughes of Erie, Pa., ended in the fifth round with Hughes being out cold.

After being down three times, Johnny Kaleo came back to give his tormentor, Jimmy Foster, a neat paint job to cop the duke in a six round welterweight bout. Johnny Gilden, Baltimore's fast rising welter, scored a TKO in round three over Lorenzo Shelly in a six round bout.

AROUND THE TRI-STATE AREA
By Don Elbaum

WARREN, O.—BOXING RETURNED TO WARREN after an absence of two and a years with this writer handling the promoting. A crowd of 500 paid over $900 to see veterans Bobby Hughes, Warren, 164, and Pedro Gonzales, Ranking, Pa., 165, battle in a 10 round war.

Hughes' harder punches brought him the unanimous verdict over his busy punching opponent. The fight was a thriller with a knockdown in the fifth round by Hughes, helping him in his quest for victory.

The six round semi brought together Roscoe Shamblin, Youngstown, and Benny Lee, Painesville, O., and the fight stole the show. Shamblin scored two knockdowns in the second round. In the third he met a desperate Lee who battered his rugged opponent around the ring and opened a cut over his eye. The fourth found Roscoe coming back and opening a cut over Lee's eye. The blood bath was stopped in the fifth with the Youngstown slugger coming home the winner.

In fours—Up and coming Johnny Williams, 136, had his hands full but won over Erie's Bob Walters, 138.

Johnny Bizzarro, Erie, 135, made a big hit with his fiery two-fisted attack as he and Clyde Henry put on a fistic war. Bizzarro's harder punches put Henry down twice in the second and the assault continued in the third when Johnny scored a kayo.

Light-heavyweights Ken Griggs, 175, Warren, and Primo Anzalone, 175, New Castle, drew in four. Anzalone was dropped in the second round.

TOLEDO BOXING NEWS
By Al Furafaro

Exhibition Hall: Henry Hank of Detroit won a 10 round split decision over Jimmy Beecham of Miami Florida. Beecham was a last minute substitute for Holly Mims. Beecham scored consistantly with a steady two fisted body attack and head snapping left jabs. The harder hitting Hank jolted Beecham in the fourth, and floored him with a left-right to the head in the eighth. Beecham jumped up quickly taking the mandatory 8 count standing. Hank weighed 157 to Beecham 155.

Leroy Jeffery, 132, Detroit, uncorked some real dynamite in stopping game Willie Cooper, 135, Wheeling, W. Va. in a fight scheduled for 10 rounds.

Irish Billy Collins, 147, Nashville, Tenn., a cool ringman, had too much skill and power as he stopped Toledo's Fred Arney, 149, in the sixth.

Sonny Hill 160, Toledo, outboxed wild swinging but dangerous Candy Mclandon, 163, Chicago, in a six rounder.

Russ (King Pin) Moore, 134, Toledo, a real comical little guy, clowned and fought his way to a 4 round decision over Vinnie O'Shea, 132, of Detroit.

829 fans turned out for this very good card.

ILIO DI PAOLO

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coast and one year ago he went on a world tour. He saw action in New Zealand, Australia, Hawaii, California, Minneapolis and just recently returned to Buffalo where he has always been well received by the fans.

In Hawaii, the Great Zorro was holding sway as an outstanding attraction. In a Sunday night contest, Di Paolo upset the Great Zorro for his first defeat in the Islands and the astounded fans gave him a standing ovation. Ilio now headed for California, where he teamed up with Leo Nomellini in a series of tag team bouts. They defeated the Sharpe Brothers, Art Neilson and Hans Hermann and a host of other tag teams while in California.

Pushing on to Minneapolis, Ilio continued to win his bouts and Promoter Dennis Stecher matched him with Dick Hutton in a world championship bout at Minneapolis Auditorium. The bout was staged July 29th, 1958 before a turnaway crowd. It was in this bout that Di Paolo threw the book at champion Hutton in about as wild and wooly a match as Minenapolis fans have seen in years. Di Paolo pulled out all the stops in this bout and established himself as a prime favorite with the fans in that city. The bout ended in a draw with Hutton hospitalized.

Several months later he again faced champion Hutton in Hamilton, Canada. It was a bout in which both grapplers were completely exhausted at the finish and Di Paolo again had held the champion to a draw decision. The two bouts with Hutton had now placed Di Paolo into the front line of contenders for the world crown.

Di Paolo's name was now mentioned to oppose the Masked Marvel.

The match was held last December 12th and saw both Di Paolo and the Masked Marvel go to it hammer and tongs right from the bell. The Marvel tried to slow up Di Paolo with sledge hammer blows behind the neck. Di Paolo took a couple of them and then decided he had absorbed enough punishment. Di Paolo was unchained fury and he retaliated in full measure for the Marvel's rough treatment. He elbow-smashed the Marvel to the ring floor and then picked him up and gave him his famed "Airplane Spin" to pin the Marvel in 6:06. It was without a doubt Di Paolo's greatest triumph in Buffalo and he was acclaimed by the fans for several minutes. The Masked Marvel was forced under the agreement to unmask and he was revealed after a considerable tussle as Jim (The Bull) Wright, 265 pounder.

They had a rematch the following week, Di Paolo again defeated Wright with devastating drop kicks to add considerably to his prestige.

The writer wanted an inside slant on Di Paolo after one of his greatest victories, and I waited patiently to talk to him after he had taken a shower. Naturally, Di Paolo was elated over his victory because it raised him to the top spot of popularity in the Queen City of the Lakes.

Affable and in an excellent mood, it didn't take me very long to see that Di Paolo is a serious young man when it comes to wrestling. He has learned the American catch as catch can style of grappling, although he encountered more of the Graeco-Roman style in his European jaunts.

"Well, how does it feel to defeat this Masked Marvel after all these week of campaigning from the West Coast to the East," I asked Di Paolo. "It wasn't easy, let me tell you. He is a strong, rugged opponent, but I wore him down with elbow smashes. I like to win my bouts in Buffalo, because the fans there are the greatest," said the jubilant Di Paolo.

The driving force behind this stalwart Italian grappler can be seen in his wife, Ethel, a son Dennis, Jr. who is three years old and weighed 20 pounds when he was five months old, "a typical chip off the old block" and a daughter, Barbara, one year old. With his ring earnings he hopes to give them some of this life's pleasures along with proper education.

"I go into the battle-pit four and five times a week in order that my family can have some of the pleasures denied me when I was a lad. In the wrestling ring, I am hoping to build a nest egg that will allow me some contentment a little later in life. I feel that I can accomplish my objective in the not too distant future," continued Di Paolo.

"When I came to this country," says Ilio "I wanted two things. One was to become a citizen and the other to become world heavyweight champion. Last June I became a citizen of this great country and now I have but one objective left . . . to become champion.

Di Paolo's food consumption is tremendous. A light breakfast consists of at least five eggs, a quart of milk, several large slices of ham and five slices of well-buttered toast. For dinner after a bout, he will settle for mounds of spaghetti and thick steaks galore. He must consume large quantities of proteins to keep his mammoth body at the peak of physical fitness. While he partakes of huge portions of these delicacies he eagerly watches his diet to avoid any excess avoirdupois.

For relaxation, Ilio goes to the movies. On days when he has time off, you will find him working out diligently in a gym. He dabbles a bit in painting and sketching as a hobby.

NORTHERN LIGHTS SHINING

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shows to make work for his old teammates, Martin Hansen and Chris Christensen, and may have succeeded in getting Chris a well overdue smack at the European title before these lines are in print. Star of the Johansen stable is young Sander Bonde, a powerful lightweight who fights in real bulldog style and carries a sure kayo in his right glove.

Norway has been most reluctant to accept the return of professional boxing. The Oslo Proklubb has a tremendous task in creating a brand-new fight public after 16 years of inactivity—they even had to create a Federation. All the current Norse scrappers are vintage warriors, consciously blazing a trail for youngsters to allow.

Generally, though, the fistic picture in Scandinavia is a bright one and many amateurs are tempted to start clouting for kroners, to the dismay of the amateur authorities. Despite the ballyhoo from Sweden, it seems likely that the Danes and Finns may soon catch up by staging equally important programs in the not so distant future. There's every indication that more than one Northern Light will be shining in 1959's skyline!

THE MAT WORLD

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who were seeking his autograph. During the excitement a youngster was pushed off the curb into the path of an oncoming automobile and killed. That spectacle shook Watson for weeks after and he sat down to think about it.

The result of that thinking was the formation of the Whipper Watson Safety Club. Youngsters can become members of the club by simply writing to Whipper Billy Watson, Maple Leaf Gardens, 452 Church Street, Toronto, Canada. Members are tought the fundamentals of safety and how to help one another in time of peril.

Wonder if Hans Schmidt, the Teuton Terror, remembers the night he beat up a local favorite in London, Ontario and was attacked by a woman with a knife. According to reports the lady was the grandmotherly type of about 80 years old and in the melee Hans suffered cuts on four fingers.

Pat Flanagan, Toronto veteran, is doing a bang-up job as commentator for CBLT-TV each Saturday on Channel 6, when matches from the previous Thursday night are shown from Maple Leaf Gardens. Pat wrestles occasionally and his expert comments on the bouts are heralded by his many friends in Canada and New York State.

The scene is Memorial Auditorium, Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada. It was

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PUNCH LINES

FROM OUR READERS

A ROCKY RATING

Dear Mr. Fleischer:

In the January issue of The Ring I note a letter in which Mr. Degiovanni of Australia disagrees with that Rocky Marciano belongs among the first ten in your world ratings. He fails to realize that though Rocky was not a polished fighter as is Ray Robinson, for example, that he had fistic power, was sturdy, could take a punch and could deliver one and had a clean record. What more does one expect except ring cleverness which I admit Rocky didn't have? But when the qualifications of past masters is compared to what Rocky possessed, it seems to me that you are correct in your choice and I whole-heartedly agree that Rocky Marciano belongs among the first ten.

Eucher Oaterne,
Fort de France, Martinique

FROM A WEE FAN

Dear Sirs:

I feel greatly delighted that I am now writing to you for the first time in deep appreciation of your good self as the foremost sportswriter in the boxing world.

Needless to say, I have always loved boxing and have been a keen fan all through my life. I remember well when I purchased by first copies of The Ring magazine almost thirty years ago—I was about ten years of age then. And, believe me, at that time I bought them not for the sake of the articles, but for the boxing pictures alone! Of course, as Father Time marched on, I too kept the pace and began to appreciate the splendid articles more and more until today, The Ring magazine has become part and parcel of my life!

As a sportsman myself and after following The Ring all these years of my life, I would like to acclaim The Ring as the fairest magazine in the boxing world and the best of its kind ever. The articles, besides being interesting and instructive, give credit to all irrespective of race, colour, creed or country of origin. This is true democracy and not hypocrisy. Bravo for The Ring!

Tan Wee Eng,
Singapore

WHAT'S YOUR VERDICT?

Gentlemen:

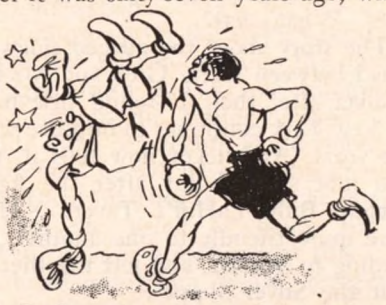
People are always saying that television is killing boxing. Well, my opinion is that the raw verdicts are doing it —Ortega vs. Moyer, Jones vs. Giardello, the latest Flanagan vs. Dupas. A good idea once mentioned is to have the referee be the sole judge. When these decisions start going the way they should, boxing will live up to its reputation.

Dan Di Biasio,
Cleveland, Ohio

A LOST ART

Dear Sirs:

After watching the boxing matches on TV for the last ten years, I have come to the conclusion that the left hook and left jab has become a "Lost Art." Boxing is now at the same low level it was sixty-seven years ago, when



Jim Corbett demonstrated, by defeating John L. Sullivan in twenty-one rounds, how to put the weight of his shoulder in his left jab.

Some time later, he was working in the gym with one of his sparring partners. He hit him so often when his left jab, that it began to get monotonous. Hence in a kidding mood, he turned his left palm up, shot it out, as he did the left jab, and to his amazement, it curved around his partner's guard, hit him on the chin and down he went. Beyond a reasonable doubt, that is the first time in history the left hook was ever used in or out of the ring.

What the boxers have now is a rigid left swing that is easy to demonstrate. If your stance is over twenty inches, you become rigid, and if you are rigid it is impossible to deliver anything but a rigid left swing. On the other hand, a left hook can be delivered only when your stance is twenty inches or under. Then you become flexible, and only then can you develop scientific boxing.

In your magazine, the Ring, for February, you have proved my point. In rating the twenty best heavyweights, the first four, James J. Corbett, Robert Fitzsimmons, James J. Jeffries, Jack Johnson, with each succeeding champion adding his part until it reached Jack Johnson, the greatest of them all.

Robert F. Tucker,
San Francisco, Cal.

A PLAN WITH MERIT

Dear Nat:

I agree that Johansson was a very good choice over Moore for "Fighter of the Year." Like you said, Archie did it the hard way in the Durelle fight.

I read your excellent article re Harlem Tommy Murphy. I thing the boxers, commissioners, promoters, should do something for fellows like Murphy, McFadden, Haley, etc. I have a suggestion and I am sure everybody would cooperate if a fellow like yourself would head it up. Take 1% from all boxing cards promoted in U. S. and Canada say for a year and longer if necessary. Most Commission take 5%—so they could give 1% from the money they receive or I am willing to take 1% off the top here and I am sure most other boxing promoters would do likewise. I would also be willing to help arrange it in Canada.

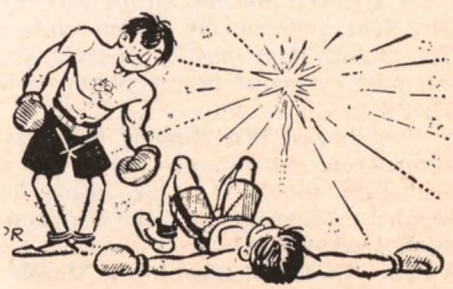
Clary Harris,
Halifax, N. S., Can.

ONE MAN'S OPINION

Dear Sirs:

I have never written to The Ring before but I'm fed up on the poor decisions rendered throughout the country and write this in hopes that The Ring will start a campaign to bring about a change. Gaspar Ortega failed to get the decision when he rightfully earned it against Moyer and Ralph Dupas definitely whipped Del Flanagan, yet didn't receive the verdict. What's wrong with the officials? Can't they see eye-to-eye with the fight fans?

Edmond Doten,
Phoenix, Arizona



A-ROUND AND A-BOUT

FEATURE

By BOB ALLEN

COMMENTING on the fact that the three lightest weight divisions (feather, bantam, fly) are most popular in South America, Mexico, the Philippines, and Japan, a Colorado sports columnist writes: *"Starting with Mike Jacobs, American promoters have made a mistake in ignoring the little fellows."*

Ah, but that's where he's wrong. Mike Jacobs did not ignore the little fellows at all. True, there were no flyweights of consequence in Mike's day but he did make considerable use of such little lads as Sixto Escobar, Harry Jeffra, and Lou Salica. A bantamweight championship bout between Escobar and Jeffra was one of the title matches on the famous Carnival of Champions in 1937.

As for featherweights, well, the very first Jacobs promotion at the Garden after he had acquired the boxing privileges there was Henry Armstrong and Petey Sarron for the title. And then, of course, there were Willie Pep and Chalky Wright and Sandy Saddler and Lulu Costantino and Phil Terranova and many other 126-pound representatives, all of whom boxed for Mike. As for the promoters who followed Mike, it's been simply a case of America's failure to breed boys that small anymore. And when we do, they become jockeys.

Eddie Muller writes in the San Francisco Examiner that Frankie Carter, oldtime pro, is being urged to attend a college coaches' session to give his views on how boxing matches should be judged. If Carter can make good on this assignment we hope he extends his services throughout the nation.

Perhaps one of the reasons Eddie Dixon was suspended from the Newark police force for ten days (on the charge that he violated departmental rules by boxing professionally) was that the police chief was tired of all the gags about Eddie fighting flat-footed.

Quote from a Buffalo sports columist: *"When somebody asked Rocky Graziano why he retired from boxing, he said, 'I looked into the mirror after my last fight and saw my beaten-up face and decided there must be an easier way to meet congenial people of my own age.'"*

We showed that clipping to Rocky himself one day recently and he got a real kick out of it. Only thing he wanted to know was what the word congenial meant.

The "Understatement of the Month" award surely must go to that Florida editor who wrote: *"Willie Pastrano's chances of getting a shot at Heavyweight Champion Floyd Patterson have been weakened by his two losses in England, to Brian London and Joe Erskine."* Weakened?

Hector Constance and Albert Carroll, a pair of British welterweights, were hammering away at each other in the last round of a bout in London recently when suddenly a shiny set of false teeth flew through the air. The referee snatched them from the canvas and offered them first to Carroll, then to Constance. Each disclaimed ownership. Since the referee, obviously, was the only other man in the ring at the time, he avoided any embarrassment by quickly tossing the teeth into the ringside seats. We're still waiting to hear who claimed them.

In an effort to lure Gene Fullmer into the ring with him, Hank Casey, California middleweight, announced: *"Fullmer can take everything from a money standpoint and give me what's left."* What's left?

The story about the alleged sidewalk brawl between Harry Greb and Mickey Walker after their 15-round title bout in New York continues to improve with the years. As Mickey now tells it, the two met some hours after the fight. outside Billy LaHiff's Tavern. They were quite friendly to one another, according to Mickey, and left together to visit the Silver Slipper.

It was just as they approached this famous club, says Mickey, that he made a remark to the effect that he would have beaten Greb if Harry had not thumbed him. This Greb did not like at all and started to take off his coat, whereupon Mickey nailed him on the chin. Greb fell against a cab, Mickey adds, and dented the fender, at which point the cab driver also threw a punch at Greb. Just then a cop came along, recognized the two gladiators, seized both by the back of the neck and roared: *"Be off with you now or there'll be a double-champion on the police force."*

Now all this is fine, except for one thing. According to Harry Keck, veteran sports editor of the Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph, the street fight between Walker and Greb never happened. Keck insists he was with Greb practically every minute from the time their title fight ended until late the next morning when Greb finally went to bed. The closest they came to Walker was when the doorman at the Silver Slipper told them that Mickey had been there and left fifteen minutes before.

Fritzie Zivic caused quite a rumpus when he remarked recently that you have to fight dirty to be a ring champion. This brought all manner of refutation from former champions and various boxing authorities, including Nat Fleischer, editor and publisher of Ring. Their comments were duly published in Sports Illustrated.

But what the controversy reminded us of mainly was the epic brawl between Tony Galento and Arturo Godoy which took place at the old Hippodrome back in the late '30's. Godoy started to complain early to the referee at what he regarded as rough tactics on Galento's part. He got little satisfaction from the referee and so he resorted to some pretty rough tactics himself.

The referee, who happened to be a wise old veteran named Arthur Donovan, used excellent judgment. Realizing quickly that Galento and Godoy were two "ring gentlemen" well versed in all the tricks of the trade, he adopted a "plague on both your houses" attitude and allowed the customers to enjoy as vicious a battle as New York fans had seen in years.

Dirty fighting? Gosh, no, just a little rough, that's all!

A Philadelphia business man named Al Lewis moved into big-time boxing promotion with a successful show some weeks ago. In Boston, Sam Silverman and Johnny Buckley have joined forces as a promotional team. Pedro Montanez, who had been limiting his activities to wrestling, has moved back into the boxing field in Buffalo. New promotional organizations have been springing up in all parts of the country. Now the only thing that's needed is some fighters.

A manager approached a local matchmaker to ask for a spot on a preliminary card for one of his youngsters.

"But you've already got this boy booked for a fight in another club," said the matchmaker.

"I know," was the reply, *"but I mean can you use this boy if he comes through unscattered."*

And then there is another boxing gentleman who, discussing the possibility of opening a small club in the metropolitan area, said: *"I wonder if those new people at the Garden will subside me against losses."*

MOORE + ROBINSON = MONEY

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"Robinson still hasn't determined whether he will defend his crown or challenge for the light heavyweight title," continued Maceroni.

"This isn't fair to the other middleweights and it has hampered activity in the division," he charged. *"The time has come for the N. B. A. to take action."*

He proposed that the N. B. A. be prepared to announce a series of elimination bouts in case Robinson elected to challenge for the light heavyweight title.

His plan, in such a development, would be to match Carmen Basilio or Gene Fullmer, two former middleweight champions, for the title, or give Basilio a bye and have the next four or five rated fighters meet in elimination bouts with the winner opposing Basilio for the title in September.

While the plan is a good one, it is (oddly enough) rushing matters. The rules clearly state, according to the New York Athletic Commission, that should a champion fight for a title in the next higher division, and win such title, he has a period of ten days to choose to retain his original title or relinquish it and hold on to the newly won crown. Under N. B. A. rules, should a man win the title in the higher division, the choice is not left to him and the lighter title is automatically vacated.

Until such time as Moore and Robinson meet and the outcome decided, no positive action can take place.

The bugaboo in the entire matter, though, appears to be the possibility of a 90-day return bout clause between Moore and Robinson, which could tie up matters indefinitely.

The N. B. A. further has suggested that should the announcement of Robinson and Moore be made, Robinson's title immediately be declared vacant. This would be contrary to the rules of both the N. B. A. and New York, and also the world championship committee, which still is in existence.

That the middleweight division is unnecessarily tied up there is no question. That it is unfair to the leading contenders and has hampered their incentive considerably none can dispute. But taking away crowns and vacating titles has never been the answer to these problems, but has only created more confusion. And until such time as all governing bodies of boxing throughout the world are united and can successfully suspend a champion who refuses to defend his title within a specified time there is little that can be done.

Indications are that Moore and Robinson, after long dickering over terms, will each receive 30 per cent of the gate, plus all other income. For this fight, probably to be seen in the homes on a national network, the television money is an important one and can reach in the neighborhood of a quarter of a million dollars.

The seriousness of the talk of Moore and Robinson fighting was for a long while belittled, it being felt that Robinson's chief aim was a better financial agreement in closing for a title match with Basilio, where another 5 or 10 per cent means considerable in actual cash. But Robby, obviously, was determined.

"My ambition is to win the light heavyweight title," he said. *"I tried to win the title before, from Joey Maxim. I failed but there were circumstances beyond my control. The heat caused me to collapse when I believed I was well in front."*

That fight, held on June 25, 1952, at Yankee Stadium, drew almost 50,000 customers paying $421,615 at the gate. This fight figures to do even better business.

Should Robinson be successful in his attempt to win this title he would be the third man in boxing history to have won three world championships: Bob Fitzsimmons first having accomplished the feat, and Henry Armstrong, in the 1930's, holding three titles simultaneously.

Robinson won the welterweight title in 1946 and on gaining the middleweight crown in 1951, he relinquished the title in the lighter division. This will be the nineteenth world championship bout he will have fought, discounting three matches in which he engaged which are listed as being for the "Pennsylvania middleweight title," that state according him "world" recognition at the time.

Moore, who has been fighting as a professional for almost a quarter of a century, twice failed in bids to win a second title. This will be his eleventh world title bout. After gaining the light heavyweight crown in a match with Joey Maxim in 1952, he unsuccessfully tried to win the heavyweight championship from both Rocky Marciano and Floyd Patterson, being stopped in nine and five rounds, respectively.

Though defense of the middleweight title is long overdue, Robinson has shrugged off any concern for the matter.

"I am not going to fight Carmen Basilio again," he has been quoted as saying. *"Moore is the biggest money bout, and I am interested in winning a third title."*

There is no doubt that Robinson will be able to carry off a larger take-home pay from this bout, and that the fight will create much interest. Robby also leaves himself the possibility of a Basilio match, for big money, should he lose to Moore, and untold possibilities if he is successful against the champion.

Whether, in the long run, the bout will be in the best interests of boxing, is another thing.

But the two old men, with a combination of over forty years of professional fighting behind them, and both great in their own way, can do much to drum up the boxing business while they make themselves a big bundle. It will be up to them, once their business is concluded, to make certain that others are also allowed to cash in, by not making this a one, big family-party affair, and placing their crowns on the line against the rightful challengers in their divisions.

SEEN & HEARD IN N. Y.

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▶ Traveling the ten round route for the first time, up-and-coming Joey Donovan, 137½, Astoria, was a clear winner over stubborn Iggy Maldonado, 135, Puerto Rico, in a lively non-TV'd affair at Sunnyside Garden. It was Donovan's 18th win in 19 starts. A popular lad in his community, Joey sold $1,203 worth of tickets, more than half the $2,211 gate announced by Matchmaker Moe Fleischer. The attendance was 1,009. The main event was supported by a batch of preliminary fours. Two of them had abrupt first-round endings, Pat Flannery, 152, Astoria, polishing off a rival Long Islander, George Gerek, 157, Bay Shore, at 1:59, and Willie Rooks, 156, West Side, requiring exactly a half-minute to dispose of Al Graham, 151, Trenton, N. J. In the other numbers, Walter Taylor, 132½, Washington, D. C., had the better of Al Dublin, 128, Brooklyn; Osvaldo Taranto, 128, Argentina, outpunched Willie Sanchez, 123, Brooklyn, and Jimmy Hargett, 178, Bronx, copped the verdict from Jules Carter, 170¼, Philadelphia.

▶ Moved up to main event billing as a replacement for Gaspar Ortega, who suffered a torn eyebrow in training, Eddie Jordan, 143½, Brooklyn, seemed lucky to get a draw with Stefan Redl, 146½, Passaic, N. J., in an earnest but unexciting ten in Madison Square Garden. Of the 14 newspaper reporters present, 12 felt that the aggressive, free-swinging Red had earned a slight edge. The transplanted Hungarian-German forced the action all the way, and while he did a lot of missing he also did considerable scoring. What probably militated against him was his rough tactics. He "bulled" Jordan around in the clinches and was guilty several times of butting and hitting on the break. Jordan, a tall, skinny kid, boxed mainly on the defensive, using nimble legs to carry him out of danger and a long left jab to counter Redl's rushes. It wasn't until the closing round that the Brooklynite became emboldened enough to throw a few rights of his own. Three times Redl slipped to the canvas, once from a push and twice from missed swings. In the semi-final six, Doug Jones, 165½, Harlem, decisioned Frank LaPola, 166, Newark, N. J. In another scheduled six, Bobby Bartels, 148, Astoria, kayoed Billy Gibson, 149½, Hackensack, N. J., at 1:22 of the first. In fours, Eddie Scurlock, 161, Bronx, outpointed Joe Damiano, 156½, Newark; Bobby Pena, 154¾, Mexico, won from Jimmy Moulton, 151, West Side; Danny Logan, 196, Paterson, N. J., whipped Johnny Byrd, 184½, Bronx, and Julio Santiago, 134, Puerto Rico, drew with Al Simmons, 133, Syracuse, N. Y.

AFTER THE BELL . . . Murray Elkins, 53, prominent local lightweight of the '30s, who became a manager when his own fist-tossing career ended, was the last to go of four ill-fated brothers. Within a space of five or six years, all died of heart attacks. Ruby was the only one not identified with the sock market. Eddie, like Murray, remained in the industry and became a trainer when he finished with boxing. Abe didn't do any fighting himself but he was a fairly well known manager.

If "hungry fighters" are regarded as desirable property in boxing, there's a young man in England who'll bear considerable watching. He was recently disqualified for biting his opponent.

RATINGS

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Pichon Reyes, 10.

Tony Dupas defeated Billy DePriest, 10. Glen Burgess and Luther Rawlings drew, 10. Tobe Penaloza beat Paco Castro, 10.

Joe Shaw stopped Martin Ware, 9. Jiro Sawada beat Teru Muraoka, 10. Billy Colljns stopped Fred Azney, 6. Antonio Marcilla stopped Don Jose, 6. Gene Tortorice defeated Buddy Jackson, 8. Camilo Flores kayoed Al Mendoza, 3.

Walter Tyler stopped Ed Hickman, 4. Jean Dulhoste won from Yucatan Rivera, 6. Roberto Brito defeated Jacinto Montalvo, 10. Johnny Gilden stopped Lorenzo Shelly, 5.

Francisco Echevarria stopped Pelon Martinez, 7. Paul Stivaletta kayoed Joe Walker, 2. Rocky Martell kayoed Harry Lee Irwin, 1. Bobby Pena whipped Jimmy Moulton, 6.

Al Rose whipped Johnny Bradley, 6. Buddy Copper won over Al Farerse, 6. Bobby Bartles kayoed Billy Gibson, 1. Guy LoConte bested Mike DeFeo, 6. Dick DiVeronica defeated Bill Orias, 6.

Jimmy Mitchell stopped Don Vincent, 4. Al Cintron and Freddie Garcia drew, 6. Jesse Watson won from George Edmonds, 6. Billy Jones edged Billy Hall, 6.

Ralph Dupas outpointed Gerald Gray, 10. Tony DeMarco launched his comeback by kayoing Curly Monroe 8. Charlie Tombstone Smith kayoed Dave Johnson, 10. Johnny Melfah decisioned Ron Richardson, 8. Benny Niewenhuiser outpointed Kenny Lawrence, 8. Australian Champion Billy Todd decisioned Sandy Manuel, 12. Roger Harvey upset Walter Byars, 10.

Frankie Belma and Karl-Heinz Guder drew, 10.

Ronnie Cohen defeated Ronnie Poramba, 6. Gary Sturdivant stopped Kid Fernando, 3. Guy LoConte defeated Sid Drayton, 6. Wiley Johnson beat Bobby Brooks, 5.

LIGHTWEIGHTS

Paolo Rosi whipped Flash Elorde, 10.

British Empire champion Willie Toweel outpointed Guy Gracia, 10.

Florentino Fernandez stopped Cesar Orta, 4. Rolando (Chico) Morales won the Cuban lightweight title by stopping Armando Bragano, 3.

Len Matthews stopped Ray Lancaster, 2. Roberto Garcia kayoed Jimmy Moser, 1. Baby Vasquez decisioned Jimmy Hornsby, 10. Joey Lopes decisioned Art Ramponi, 10.

Frankie Ryff outboxed Cisco Andrade, 10. Hilario Morales kayoed Javellana Kid, 5. Mario Vecchiato outscored Germano Cavalieri, 12. Arthur Persley defeated Joey Limos, 10.

Horacio Otis defeated Isidro Martinez, 10. Nursery Kid kayoed Tommy Tibbs, 5. Tommy then beat Larry Cantiberos, 8. Al Urbina halted Ezequiel Uribe, 9. Charley Douglas stopped Germano Cavalieri, 7. Carlos Arregui won on a disqualification over Francisco Barraez, 5.

David Oved stopped Maxie Carlos, 11. Bobby Hicks outscored Teddy Davis, 10. Teddy also lost to Al Nevarez, 10. Angel Garcia won from Henry Ferguson, 10. George Berry outscored Stan Hayward, 12.

Luke Easter decisioned Leo Agbulos, 10. Solomon Boysaw outfought Eddie Armstrong, 10. Jay Fullmer and Jackie Hayden drew, 10. Candy McFarland stopped Gene Gresham, 8.

Johnny Shaw defeated Marcelino Vargas, 8. Jackie Donnelly defeated Jimmy DiMura, 8. Pedro Rodriguez stopped Chano Barrientos, 9. Chico Velez whipped Roger Harvey, 10. Al Melendez decisioned Joe Shaw, 8.

Tenjeros Boy kayoed Frankie Stein, 4. Joey Donovan outscored Iggy Maldonado, 10. Chico Rollins halted Santiago Ramirez, 4. Chihuahua Kid kayoed Jose Paredes, 1.

Tommy Garrow bested Pat O'Brien, 10, and stopped Lou Carmona, 7. Lupe Garcia defeated Floro Hita, 10. Joey Reynolds kayoed Louis Del Garza, 1. Bobby Brown won from Willard Nelson, 6. Babe Zaragoza defeated Salomon Coronal, 8.

Sid Lugo won over Johnny Melendez, 6. Abe Haynes defeated Kildo Nunez, 10. Al Olivera defeated Valentin Rangel, 8. Jimmy Kelly kayoed Nino Malve, 1.

Caracol Hernandez whipped Enrique Castillo, 10. Nick Preveti defeated Johnny Taylor, 6. Guizani Rezgui stopped Cyprien Carrie, 10, and outpointed Spanish Champion Bobby Ros, 10. John Bean bested Georgie Ross, 6.

Bobby Garza defeated German Reyna, 10. Jimmy Ellis stopped Norman Young, 6. Harold Mara and Larry Cantiberos drew, 6.

Flory Olguin kayoed Sal Fierro, 1. Pedro LaBarrere defeated Angel Martinez Chapman, 6. Marcel Bizien stopped Sammy DeMarco, 1.

Bobby Scanlon decisioned Orlando Zulueta, 10. David Oved whipped Franco Rosini, 12, and lost to George Bracken, 12. British Champion Dave Charnley lost to Guy Gracia, 10.

Jackie Donnelly outscored Mickey Driscoll, 8. Chico Santos decisioned Abe Haynes, 10. Jim (Spike) McCormick stopped Aldo Pravisani, 6. Nick Preveti defeated Johnny Taylor, 6. Harry Floyd Smith defeated Ray Walk, 6.

FEATHERWEIGHTS

Flash Elorde lost to lightweight Paolo Rosi, 10.

Gracieux Lamperti stopped Jean Paternotte, 2.

Battling Torres kayoed Pat McCoy, 9. Sugar Ramos halted Orlando Castillo, 10. Lauro Salas whipped Henry Gutierrez, 10, and Collier Cox, 10.

Jesus Santamaria halted Rodolfo Francis, 9. Raul Macias kayoed Carmen Iacobucci, 2, and decisioned Ernesto Parra, 10.

Claudio Adame defeated Luis Gutierrez, 10. Pedro Gonzalez stopped Joey Arias, 8. Cesar Saavedra outscored Hector Esqueda, 10.

Felix Cervantes defeated Billy Peacock, 10, but lost to Manny Gallardo, 10. Jose Luis Martinez retained Spanish title by troucing Rafael Gayo, 12. Rodolfo Lopez whipped Efrain Quintana, 10.

Gil Flores outscored Ray Ming Chan, 10. Juanito Ramirez kayoed Borrado Flores, 4. Cubanito Gonzalez kayoed Luis Ohm, 3.

Ray Martinez defeated Ray Zamora, 10. Antonio Gutierrez defeated Pedro Garcia, 10. Ramon Cerventes won on a disqualification over Joey Reyes, 7, and beat Luis Trejo, 10.

Andres Garcia kayoed Felipe Payan, 2. Leroy Jeffrey stopped Willie Cooper, 1. Raton Vargas beat Saul Toledo, 10. Wally Livingston and Al Tisi drew, 6. Victor Adame defeated Tribilin Carmona, 10, and Manuel Rojas, 6.

Alex Arenas beat Arnulfo Palomares, 10. Jim Pettaway defeated Willie Cooper, 6. Dick DeVola kayoed Lud Giordano, 1. Bernabe Escobar kayoed Jose Trejo, 1. Miguel Orona kayoed Manuel Gavlan, 3, and Vicente Flores, 3. Galvan then lost to Luis Lugo, 8.

Vicente Worrell defeated Carlos Cantillo, 6. Hector Ramirez stopped Chucho Reyes, 4. Lionel Rivera kayoed Al Palpallatoc, 2. Billy Thomas beat Dick Page, 6.

Bert Reyes stopped Ramo Soto, 3. Carlos Ayala kayoed Juan Zavala, 2. Chino Castelan beat Beto Rodriguez, 8.

Manny Coronado defeated Andy Hernandez, 6. Jimmy Gorman stopped Gordon Henley, 3. Clemente Quijano stopped Memo Balderas, 4. Valentin Brown whipped Jose Rivas, 6.

Louis Poncy regained French title by winning on disqualification from Robert Meunier, 7. Rene Barriere whipped lightweight Edouard Ptak, 10. Andre Vairolatto disposed of Andre Valignat, 3.

Batting Torres defeated Victor Manuel Quijano, 10. Charley Els became South African champion by stopping Ernie Baronet, 8. Terry Spinks trounced Con Mount Bassie, 8. Tony Pardon decisioned Ray Estepa, 10. Jimmy Connors whipped Tommy Haden, 8. Rufino Ridella defeated Little Cezar, 10. Ramon Sarmiento defeated Jose Valdivis, 6.

BANTAMWEIGHTS

Al Asuncion retained Philippines title beating Dommy Ursua, 12.

Manuel Armenteros lost to flyweight Pone Kingpetch, 10.

Hector Hicks outpointed flyweight Ramon Arias, 10.

Chucho Hernandez decisioned Oscar Suarez, 10. French Champion Eugene LeCozanet retained title by outpointing Robert Tartari, 15.

Kid Irapuato kayoed Reynaldo Tavio, 2. Pimi Barajas defeated Ross Padilla, 10. Rudy Valdez kayoed Gino Tover, 8.

Koji Ishibash defeated Masakzua Otsuka, 10. Felix Gutierrez won over Javier Garfias, 10. Javier also lost to Johnny Sarduy, 10. Roque Fernandez edged out Saul Becerril, 10. George Bowes stopped Eric Brett, 5.

Herman Marques defeated Frankie Duarti, 10. Ray Ruis outfought Rudy Corona, 10, and kayoed Angel Jimenez, 2. Jorge Herrera kayoed Alberto Martinez, 7. Sabino Gonzalez stopped Memo Diez, 6. Chuy Rodriguez won on a disqualification over Guillermo Gonzalez, 7.

Danny Kid kayoed Joe Gouldonio, 1. Jorge Salazar and Gustavo Sosa drew, 10. Max Huerta kayoed Alberto Soto, 5. Edgar Basel defeated Baby Rios, 10.

Chaparro DeLeon defeated Arturo Vazquez, 10. Rodolfo Ampudia kayoed Lorenzo Samuels, 3. Tony Ortiz stopped Rogelio Cortez, 2. Eduardo Santos stopped Beto Uribe, 3. Marcel Montoya won on a disqualification over Negro Vela, 5. Edmundo Esparza halted Jorge Velazquez, 4. Panchito Saldivar stopped Raul Olmos, 3, but was stopped by Cain Rogero, 8. Angel Coronado stopped Musate Rodriguez, 3, but lost to Saul Becerril, 10.

Ernesto Campbell kayoed Angel Roque Ceceno, 2. Chamaco Figueroa stopped Mario Diaz, 6. Domingo Chavez halted Pascual Perez, 3. Torita Mota whipped Efrian Quintana, 10.

Pollero Garcia kayoed Torito Navarretee, 5, but lost to Juan Ibarez, 10. Jose Luis Salazar stopped Jose Luis Valdez, 1. Joe Valdez whipped Joe Gonzalez, 10. Lauro Garcia won from Enrique Moreno, 10.

Antonio Jimenez stopped Aztequita Morelense, 5. Pastor Gonzalez outscored Frankie Silva, 10. Kid Sandoval halted Chucho Rico, 8. Martin Ortiz whipped Torito Navarrette, 10. Manny Elias outpointed Cesar Sanchez, 10, Cesar beat Pico Campo, 6.

Tacuba Hernandez defeated Alex Jimenez, 8. Roberto Bravo kayoed Mosco Vargas, 2. Ramon Ramirez won from Tony Lopez, 6.

Eloy Henry kayoed Roy Thoiky, 4. Jorge Nunez kayoed Stanisluas Fernandez, 1. Mohamed Zarzi trounced Roger Cappato, 12. Roger also lost to Juan Cardenas, 10. Unbeaten Bertrand Cortignac scored his 21st win by lacing Andre Pierson, 10.

Gianni Zuddas outfought Juan Jose Hildalgo, 8. Hidalgo also lost to Francisco Carreno, 8. Jean Renar decisioned Hein van der Zee, 10. Abdelkader Azzouz won from Andre Gasperini on disqualification, 7. Miguel Juarez stopped Abel Pena, 4, then beat him in 8.

World Champion Alphonse Halimi outpointed Jose Luis Martinez, 10. (non-title).

Hector (Shorty) Agundez upset Horace (Boots) Monroe, 10. Floyd Gatiuan defeated Nacho Escalante, 10. Toto Ibarra decisioned Claudio Martinez, 10.

FLYWEIGHTS

World Champion Pascual Perez outpointed Japanese champion Kenji Yonekura, 10 (non-title).

Pone Kingpetch defeated bantamweight Manuel Armenteros, 10. Mimun ben Ali stopped Pentti Hamalainen, 5.

Ramon Arias was upset by bantamweight Hector Hicks, 10. European Champion Young Martin outpointed Henri Schmid, 10 (non-title).

Goyo Flores kayoed Jose Luis Mora, 2, Jean Guerrard outfought Pierre Rossi, 12. Ray Perez whipped Frankie Duatri, 10.

Saul Becerril defeated Angel Coronado, 10, but lost to bantam Roque Fernandez, 10. Fidel Alfaro kayoed Pancho DeJesus, 6. Alfonso Palma stopped Cuervo Salinas, 8. Mulato Rodriguez stopped Efren Sanchez, 4, but was stopped by bantam Angel Coronado, 3.

Hiram Bacallao lost to bantam Jose Oliva, 8. Risto Luukkonen, won on disqualification from Francisco Carreno, 8. Juan Ayala whipped Pedro Rodriguez, 6.

Miguel Ulloa defeated Roman Rodriguez, 6. Romy Sison defeated Baby Calauran, 8. Francisco Ortiz kayoed Ramundo Garcia, 4.

Gaby Beltran stopped Al Ramirez, 2. Fidel Garcia won from Mauro Miranda, 6. Jesus Garcia bested Porfirio Ramos, 6. Jose Ogazon decisioned Bobby Diop, 10.

Derek Lloyd outpointed Malcolm McLeod, 8. Ray Perez defeated Ray Pacheco, 8.

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NON-EUROPEAN ROUND-UP
By Les Muller

BLOEMFONTEIN, PROMOTER: EDDIE MAGERMAN: Benzine Miya (Bethlehem), 109, impressed when he beat William Njwa (Bloemfontein) 111, on a fourth round knock-out at the Bochabela Boxing Arena.

Gabriel Dlamini beat Eddie Matshidiso on points over eight rounds. This was Dlamini's third victory over Matshidiso. (welterweights).

Abraham Ramela (124) knocked out "Timber" Dick (124) in the fourth round. Joseph Nakeli (140) beat Johannes Kgompiri (136) on points over four rounds. Matthew Mokgele stopped Steven Letsatsi in the third round of their flyweight contest.

▶DURBAN. PROMOTER: ZAZI KHUZWAYO: In a sluggish heavyweight fight, Jerry Gumede (182) beat William Ngcobo (175¾) on a ninth round knock-out at the Durban Y.M.C.A. This was to be a light-heavyweight eliminator for the national title but both boys weighed over the 175-lb limit.

The best fight of the evening was a welterweight clash between Kenneth Shandu and Lawrence Mkize. Both boys were making their pro debuts. Shandu won the fight by a knock-out in the third.

Flyweights: Joseph Nakase beat David Joe on points over four rounds.

Lightweights: Bernard Mbambo beat Gregory Tenene on points in a four-rounder.

Bantamweight: Meshack Gumede beat Alson Ntuli on points in a four-rounder.

Featherweight: Dephan Cele drew with Tom Khumalo over four rounds.

Lightweights: Amos Ngubane drew with Amos Ngcobo in four. Abel Mkhwanzi stopped Patrick Masuku in the first round.

▶VEREENIGING. PROMOTER: DAVE MOTSUMI: The South African non-European flyweight champion, John Mtimkulu (112-lbs.) retained his title on a close points win over Freddie Ngidi (111¾) in Sharpeville, Vereeniging. The champion was often made to look ordinary by the nuggety challenger.

From the tenth to the final gong it was Mtimkulu all the way. Ngidi had his eye cut at the end of the ninth.

Pascal Mokoena (110) beat City Ngema (112) on points over four rounds. Ezekiel Morake (125¾) beat Aaron Mokhele (125) on a second round tko. Anthony Bantom (118) beat Peter Samuels (117) on points over six rounds. Gabriel Dlamini (144½) kayoed Henry Sedumo (142½) in the seventh round.

▶JOHANNESBURG. Philemon Tshabalala (146¾) took nine hard rounds to dispose of his challenger, Gabriel Seleke (146¾) when the two met for the Transvaal welterweight title at the Bantu Men's Social Centre. Seleke went down to a short left hook.

Sello Stone (118) drew with Tiny Rockey over six rounds in a bantamweight contest. Chris Monare (132¼) won on points against Samuel Maseko (136) over six rounds.

Abe Phahlametsing (108½) won on points against Harry Madlala (113½) over six rounds. King Miller (118) won on points versus Lazarus Ramalepe (117½). Martin Tsotetsi (126) beat Steven Segole (125) on points, 6 rounds.

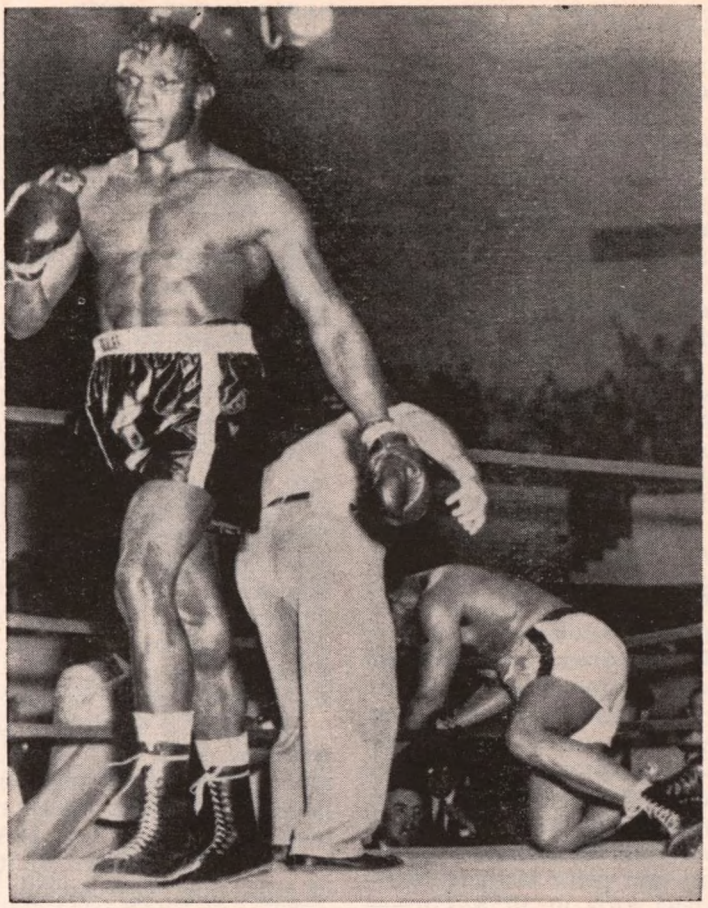
▶JOHANNESBURG. PROMOTERS: TRANSVAAL NATIONAL SPORTING CLUB. Charlie Els (Johannesburg) became the new South African featherweight champion when he beat the former champion, Ernie Baronet (Durban) on a eighth round TKO at the Johannesburg City Hall. Baronet really impressed the Rand fans in the earlier rounds with some clever boxing, but was dropped three times in the latter rounds. A return fight will take place in Baronet's hometown—Durban, and we all expect another great performance from both boys.

Dickie Williams (145¾) national middleweight champion, caused a sensation by knocking out Jannie Botes (142¾), leading contender for the South African welterweight title.

Benny Niewenhuizen (149) returned to Johannesburg after an absence of two years to outpoint Kenny Lawrence (146) over eight interesting rounds.

Bernie Taylor (119¾) confirmed his rating as number one contender for the national bantamweight title by scoring an easy knock-out victory over Les Smith (117½) in the third round. Taylor dropped Smith three times in round two. David Hamman (188) beat Roy McRae (174½) on points over four rounds.

▶CAPE TOWN. PROMOTER: SYDNEY BECK. A crowd of just over 6,000 saw Willie Toweel, Empire lightweight champion, beat the French lightweight, Guy Gracia, on points over ten hard fought rounds.



POWELL KO'S VALDES

Three and out is an old cry. So it was for Nino Valdes, Bobby Gleason's self styled pro-champion. Big Nino, too fat at 224 from celebrating Castro's victory in Cuba and his being named as Cuba's Athlete of the year, was belted into utter exhaustion and referee Cy Gottfried wisely stopped the fight after Nino had fallen to the canvas for the third time following a half push from his surprise conqueror Charlie Powell, the off and on pro footballer from San Diego, Calif.

The Powell match was just a tune-up for a Denver match with Zora Folley, a big money shot and a step closer to forcing a title match with Floyd Patterson, so thought manager Gleason but to Powell, who had twice given up the ring to go back to his job of defensive end for the San Francisco Forty Niners, it was the big break and he sure made the most of it. Charlie is far from a polished fighter but he has a strong left jab, good punching power and against a slow out-of-condition Valdes it was more than enough to do the job.

During the first five rounds Nino held the upper hand although he was cut over the left eye in the third. Valdes kept the action at close quarter where he was able to use his skill to outfight his foe. However, Powell who is used to being leaned on and pushed around by 300 pound linemen soon started his own roughing campaign against Nino, who quickly tired and was unable to keep his attack going. He sputtered and died while Powell spurted toward a ko. Charlie began to wack away at the chubby sides of Valdes and soon the Cuban was grabbing and holding. But this wrestling tired him even more while Powell gained in strength and confidence.

In the seventh, a left swing sent Nino tumbling through the ropes onto the apron. Nino showed more pep then during anytime during the fight as he scrambled back into the ring at the count of four. As the eighth round got under way Charlie sent Valdes down again with a flurry of head blows for an eight count and when Nino arose Powell swarmed in on him and, although wild his punches were effective with Nino going down for another count. Drapped over the middle rope he barely beat the count. After getting up Nino went down again and the referee stopped it. The time was 2:03. Valdes' cried that he had been tripped but ringsiders stated he appeared to be exhausted.

CUS D'AMATO'S LUCKY SEVEN

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where he displayed his ring skill in boxing shows.

Paul, whose father works at General Motors, turned pro under the guidance of Cus D'Amato in March, 1957. His record: won 3, lost one.

"*A man named Dee Cavett showed me the finer points of boxing when I first started,*" informs Paul.

His favorite food: fried chicken. Hobby: listening to recordings — progressive music is his favorite. Finished high school while in service.

Three of his brothers boxed in the Golden Gloves. "*George was Michigan State featherweight champ,*" says Paul with a warm smile.

GREY GAUVIN

Grey Gauvin is a solidly-built welterweight. His preparation for amateur competition consisted of street fights. He was born in Pawtucket, R. I., on April 17, 1934, and is of French descent. Shortly after taking part in 25 bouts as a simon-pure, losing but four, he turned pro under the wing of Cus D'Amato. In his first bout for cash—which took place at the Eastern Parkway Arena early in 1958, Grey—imitating Patterson pattern at punch swapping, was far from impressive. But with each succeeding fray the youth displayed remarkable improvement. And now, with four victories to his credit—without a loss—Gauvin is boxing smoothly, punching well and is no open target for his ring rivals. The lad is learning fast.

"*I won two amateur titles,*" reminds Grey. "*Metropolitan AAU, and National AAU. Now I'm aiming to cop a professional championship.*"

His hobby: hunting.

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HARRY (FLOYD) SMITH

The name Smith may be common, but Harry—who adopted the ring name of Floyd—is no common scrapper. Several years of competing in amateur boxing have sharpened this pleasant lad—who likes good literature and classical music. Floyd Smith participated in 90 simon-pure contests, losing but six. A fair number of these fights took place during the four years he spent in the Air Force. He was USAF featherweight champ for three years. Other titles garnered by Smith were National Golden Gloves, National AAU, and Olympic crown.

An only child, he had wandered into a gymnasium one afternoon and, in watching fighters performing their training chores, the ambition to become a boxer came to him. "*I like ring action,*" he states. "*It takes the dullness out of life. Also it affords a guy the opportunity of accumulating a sizable amount of cash—aside from acquiring a measure of fame.*"

Originally a southpaw, Smith fights orthodox style these days, which is more popular with ring followers than portside scrapping. Since turning pro under the wing of Cus D'Amato early in 1958, Harry Floyd Smith lost one of eight ring engagements. He is now competing in the lightweight class.

JIM BOYD

Railbirds at Stillman's Gym, where Jim Boyd has been preparing for a professional ring career, were overheard discussing the light-heavyweight one afternoon. "*This Boyd sure is a funny bird,*" a fellow observed. "*He is far better than most pros I see pullin' down good dough, yet Jim took almost a year to turn pro.*

"*I'll tell you,*" he was informed. "*Boyd is no funny bird. He's just practical, that's all. Wants to be good—not merely to fight pros but to beat them.*" Boyd's pro debut saw him fight to a draw with Eddie Vick.

A clean-living young man of 27, the skillful and hard-belting Boyd spent ten years of his life in the Army, where he became interested in boxing. He lost but 8 of a hundred contests; won the National Golden Gloves 175-pound title, was All-Army champ and copped the Olympics championship in 1956.

Born in Rocky Mount, N. C., on November 30, 1933, James Felton Boyd now resides in Brooklyn. He is one of five brothers and five sisters. Boyd had two years of high school, where he played football. His father is a retired railroad worker. "*About starting my pro career kind of late,*" he says. "*Well, health and energy are like money: if you don't waste them you retain them. The way I feel, I'm good for seven—maybe ten years.*"

BOXING IN SONORA

By E. Campillo G.

THE YAQUI TORPEDO, RUDY CORONA, 117, WON by a KO in the first round over Sammy Serrano, 116, on December 6.

Al Mendoza, 147, drew with Manny Ortega, 150, in ten.

Tuzo Jimenez, 142, kayoed Faustino Larrazola, 137, in two.

Texano Hurtado, 139, kayoed Margarito Ruiz, 139, in the second.

Charrito Velarde, 103, kayoed Victor Manuel Esqueda, 101, in two.

▶At Sonora, on January 17, Alfredo "Molote" Cota, 142, beat Langston Carl Morgan (L. C. Morgan), Youngstown, Ohio, in ten.

Camilo Flores, 146, kaoyed Johnny Flores, 153, in the fourth round.

Smart prospect Antonio Gutierrez won by points over Manny Lynnson, 124, in 8.

Lucio Flores, 117, won from Babe Saroni, 119, in six.

Florentino Caro, 123, won over Kid Coronita, 127, in four.

▶Ray Ruiz, 115, defeated Rudy Corona, 117, in ten on February 7.

Camilo Flores, 147, kayoed Al Mendoza, 148, in one.

The Villa Juarez Tiger, Frankie Silva, 120, won over Lucio Flores, 117, in six.

Jose Acosta, 114, won over Cresencio Lopez, 111, in four.

Charrito Velarde, 111, and Ramiro Nides, 111, drew in four.

▶Alfredo "Molote" Cota, 142, beat Arnoldo Gil, 144, in ten.

Antonio Gutierrez, 127, defeated "Patitas" Chuecas Garcia, 131, in eight.

Texano Hurtado, 143, scored two-round KO over Esteben Ruiz, 150.

BUSINESS AS USUAL

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regime, to continue to pay more attention to the youngsters as compared to the veterans so frequently used on Wednesday cards. Jack Barrett, the matchmaker, has been doing an excellent job.

What has Judge Ryan accomplished in breaking the Norris monopoly? Nothing of consequence, so far as we can see, except for eliminating the exclusive contracts to enable freer competition.

The judgment of the court has enabled Norris and Wirtz to reap a handsome profit on the sale of their Garden stock; it has placed new blood in control of the New York Garden; it has brought about the separation of Norris' monopoly into two organizations—the National Boxing Enterprises, Inc. in Chicago and the Madison Square Garden Boxing Club in New York; it has opened the rental of the Garden arena to any promoter who can meet the terms of the Garden as outlined by the Federal Court; it has done away with the exclusive clause in fighters' contracts hitherto insisted upon by Norris and his predecessor, Mike Jacobs, and it prevents a promoter from compelling a challenger for a title to sign for a return bout in the event he defeats the champion. The last two named long have been a thorn in the side of boxing and should be a big boom to the sport.

In naming Ned Irish as new president of the Garden, the new owners have a dynamic personality, a go-getter with an abundance of energy who has proved he can do big things and obtain what he is after.

KID AZTECA FIGHTS ON

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Eddie Cerda, Eddie McGeever, Bill McDowell, Kid Hermosillo, Manual Villa, Baby Zavala, Kid Filipino, Carlos Malacara, Melvin Johnson, El Conscripto, Harry Gulfund and Rudy Jiminez.

Azteca defeated Battling Shaw, Joe Glick, Leonard Bennett, Ritchie Mack, Baby Joe Gans, Young Peter Jackson, Eddie Kid Wolfe, Kenny LaSalle, Coco Kid, Morrie Sherman, Izzy Jannazzo, Tracey Cox, Al Manfredo, Willard Brown, Saverio Turiello, Raul Carrabantes, Tony Mar, Rodolfo Ramirez, Artie Dorrell, Howell Steen, Nick Moran, Chebo Hernandez and Gabriel Diaz. He fought draws with Bobby Pacho, Paulie Walker and Coco Kid.

Of the one hundred ninety-six listed fights, only thirty-nine times was Azteca declared the loser, and only on seven occasions was he stopped, most of these due to eye cuts. A truly remarkable record against the cream of the welterweight class for over twenty years. Besides the above mentioned who were among his victims Azteca also crossed gloves with former lightweight king Sammy Angott, Bep Van Klaveren, Leon Zorrita, Baby Casanova and Jackie Wilson.

He won the Mexican national welterweight championship by outpointing David Velasco in Mexico City on October 25, 1932. Seventeen years later, after over twenty title defenses, he gave up that crown, as he put it, "to give some of the other boys a chance."

After giving up the crown it looked like he was going to call it a career as he had only three fights in 1951, defeating Chebo Hernandez and losing to Sammy Angott then being stopped by Buddy Holderfield. The following year he went to the post but once losing to Hernandez in January. It was nineteen months before he saw action again, this time bowing to Juan Padilla and after twenty years he was urged to call it quits.

Eleven months later The Kid decided to give it once more whirl and started out by kayoing Carlos Martinez in the fifth round at Durango. Since then he has gone to the post twenty-four times and won twenty-three, nineteen by the kayo route. His lone loss was to Joe Borrell who stopped him on a cut after he had halted Borrell in a previous meeting.

Listed on the pages of the Ring Record Book are the names of six other men who fought for a span of thirty year, Jem Mace, Daniel Mendoza, Jack Johnson, Tom Faulkner, Bob Fitzsimmons and Bobby Dobbs. However Mace saw action in only twelve of the thirty-six years, Mendoza in ten of the thirty-five years, Faulkner in but six of the thirty-four years, Fitzsimmons in twenty-six of the thirty-three years and Dobbs in twenty-seven of the thirty-one years, the same as Jack Johnson, which places them second behind Azteca for the longest amount of time spent in boxing.

A happy-go-lucky carefree soul, The Kid has had a long string of managers during his long career. An ardent gambler at dominoes, he has won and lost a couple of fortunes at the game, including a bar in Mexico City that he opened with the money he earned from starring in a movie "The Great Champion."

Azteca has some money left from the great amount he earned over the years, enough to live in peace and play his beloved dominoes with his friends. How long will he continue to lace on the gloves and fight . . . who can say, not even Azteca . . . as long as he can still hit them with his powerful left to the body, he will be there . . . a credit to his country and a credit to his sport . . . truly a Great Champion.

THE MAT WORLD

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Queen Victoria Day, which in Canada is similar to our celebration of July 4th. A good crowd was on hand to witness the weekly card of wrestling bouts. They were in a jovial mood and were ready to witness some stirring action.

Into the ring for a bout came the unpredictable Gene Kiniski, The Edmonton Alberta grappler, who gave up a gridiron career to take up the sport of wrestling. Kiniski is one of the top showmen in the business.

In a joking manner, he made jestures to some of the kidding ringsiders that he would take them all on if they came into the ring. In the rear of the hall, Kiniski spied Mighty Ursus, 310 pound Mexican grappler and invited Ursus to come into the ring for a tussle. As Ursus was making his way down the aisle, one of the fans threw a dynamite cracker into the ring behind Kiniski. When the firecracker went off with a resounding boom, Kiniski grasped his chest as if he were shot and then beat a hasty retreat to the dressing room faster than he had ever traveled on the gridiron. The fans yowled for a full five minutes at the funny episode. It was something you had to see to appreciate.

TEXAS RASSLIN'

By Texas Bob Utter

When The Ring Magazine prognosticated Dangerous Danny McShane as the "Wrestling Villian for 1958," they couldn't have picked a better man for the title. He's one of those guys you love to hate.

For the past month Danny has headlined cards in Houston, Fort Worth and Big D (Dallas) before sellout crowds and against some of the country's best grappling muscle. Actually his only loss away from Houston was to one Punchy Joe Christy. Danny dropped the Texas heavyweight belt to Joe before a large gathering at the Sportatorium in Dallas in one of the finest scraps seen there in many months.

Houston Promoter Morris P. Sigel put McShane in five straight main slots with Danny Boy losing only to newly-crowned heavyweight king Pat O'Connor.

The 31 year old New Zealand born O'Connor returned to Houston for the first time since getting his pro start under Mr. Sigel at the City Auditorium back in 1952. Standing 6-feet in height and weighing 230 pounds, O'Connor turned pro after winning the British Empire Games.

Action between O'Connor and McShane went three falls with Pat taking the first and third. The crowd was estimated at 6,000.

Irish Danny received his title chance by knocking over Dizzy Davis in two of three falls and then in a return match notched a five-fall win over the Dizzy one.

The rules and regulations on this bout setup by Promoter Sigel was that a man had to be thoroughly beaten. No disqualification by the referee.

Both wrestlers were to be enclosed within the four walls of a wire cage with two strands of barbed wire stretched around the top on all four sides. Thirty minutes before the match started the City Auditorium was jammed to the rafters with more than a thousand fans to be turned away. The crowd was estimated at around 7,000.

Davis, 230, Houston, won the first two falls, using a back breaker both times. Since only one minute rest period was set between falls, McShane managed to pull through each time and salvaged the third session with his famed atomic drop. A series of rights to the head cut McShane's face until he looked like a chunk of raw meat. Naturally the fourth fall went to Davis.

The action was so furious during the fifth fall that several times the attending physician tried to stop the slaughter. Both wrestlers were battered beyond recognization. The six fall went to McShane when both men became entangled in the barbed wire causing one side of the cage to come loose. Danny tried a back-drop on his opponent and in doing so, both were dazed. McShane managed to flop on Dizzy for the win.

Other McShane bouts during the month saw Danny lose to Punchy Joe

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HOW OLD IS OLD?

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so the cagey old veteran, one of the cleverest boxers the ring has ever produced, returned to action when he was 41 and kept going until he was 45. When Britton retired again, this time permanently, he did it on a winning note. In his last two outings he "outsmarted" a pair of up-and-coming rivals young enough to be his sons.

THE "OLD" HEAVYWEIGHTS

The heavyweights have known more "old" champions and challengers than all the other weight classes combined.

John L. Sullivan was 34 when he lost his title to Jim Corbett in New Orleans.

Corbett was 31 when Bob Fitzsimmons whipped him in Carson City, Nevada. Gentleman Jim was 34 and 37 when he made his two unsuccessful bids to regain the laurels from Jim Jeffries, first in Coney Island, then in San Francisco.

Fitzsimmons was 35 when he wrested the title from Corbett and 37 when he passed it along to Jeffries in Coney Island. Three years later, at 40, Fitz lost again to Jeff in San Francisco.

After six years of retirement, Jeffries was 35 when he returned to the ring to be beaten by Jack Johnson in Reno.

Johnson was 37 when he lost the championship to Jess Willard in Havana —and Willard was 34!

Big Jess was four years older when Jack Dempsey annihilated him in Toledo.

Dempsey was 31 when he lost to Gene Tunney in Philadelphia, and 32 when he was beaten again by Tunney in their historic "Battle of the Long Count" in Chicago.

Tunney didn't wait for Old Pop Time to catch up to him. Gene was 30 when he quit the ring after stopping Tom Heeney in New York.

Since Tunney's exodus from the scene, we've had three heavyweight champions who were comparative "youngsters" when they lost the title. Max Baer was 26, Max Schmeling 27 and Primo Carnera 28. But they've been the exceptions to the rule. Jim Braddock was 32 when he became an "ex." Joe Louis was 35 when he relinquished the laurels. Ezzard Charles was 30 and Jersey Joe Walcott 37 when they joined the parade of former champions. Rocky Marciano decided to call it quits at 33.

SOME NOTABLE VETERANS.

If space permitted, we could ramble on indefinitely with a round-up of prominent ringmen who were (and in some cases still are) active in their 40s. Here are just some of the many:

Harry Wills, persistent challenger of Jack Dempsey, was 43 when he last donned the upholstered mittens.

Former heavyweight champion Jack Johnson was 50 when he fought his last fight, but he was still giving exhibitions at 67.

Another ex-heavyweight champion, Jess Willard, was 42 when he quit.

Tod Morgan, one-time junior lightweight champion, was 40 when he ended his ring career.

Jack (Twin) Sullivan was 43 when he knocked out Joe Thomas, 37, to settle a long-standing New England feud.

At 40, Karel Sys of Belgium was the best heavyweight in Europe.

Bep van Klaveren, globe-trotting Hollander, was still a useful welterweight when he retired at 49.

Heavyweight Tiger Jack Fox was fighting at 43 when fatal illness halted his leather-tossing activities.

Still fighting, and winning, is 44-year-old Mexican middleweight Kid Azteca, who began his boxing career back in 1929!

Hold on a moment. . . .What's this news dispatch out of Chicago? . . . . Former world middleweight champion Tony Zale has applied to the Illinois State Athletic Commission for a renewal of his boxer's license! Tony is now 46 and has been away from ring action for nearly eleven years. So what? After looking over the miscellaneous talent cluttering up the middleweight ranks these days, Zale can hardly be criticized for wanting to take another fling at his old trade.

HARLEM TOMMY MURPHY

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in the East. His popularity grew with each fight. The Pacific Coast fans liked his aggressive style as a result of which he was booked in a number of contests by Promoter Coffroth.

It was his last fight with Wolgast that gained for him a shot at the lightweight title against Willie Ritchie. He fought in San Francisco on April 17, 1914 and though outclassed in most of the rounds, Tommy put up a game battle. Referee Jim Griffin raised the champion's hand in a token of victory when the final gong sounded.

The veteran New Yorker was badly punished. He blamed his defeat on bad hands, injuries sustained, he said in the third and fourth rounds.

At the finish, Tommy's face was an ugly smear of blood, his tired legs were sagging under him and he was fighting back during the final round only by instinct as Ritchie punished him at will. Tommy was reeling around the ring under terrific punishment that would have discouraged an army of other lightweights. The reports stated that the fight was by far Ritchie's best.

The handicap under which promoters worked in the club membership days is well exemplified by an incident that took place when Harlem Tommy and Sammy Smith were booked to fight at Jim Buckley's Sharkey Athletic Club. Inspector Walsh was bent on getting his men into the club for a raid. Buckley had bolted the doors and stationed some of his handy men at the windows, but one sleuth had succeeded in evading detection and had gained admission, unfortunately for him.

When the first preliminary was about to get under way between Bill McGinn and Joe McDonough, the plainclothesman, who answered to Officer Christen of the Adams Street Station in Brooklyn, jumped into the ring and pushed McGinn and Referee Jimmy Deforest against the ropes at the same time blowing his whistle for police assistance. There were more than a dozen officers on the street and on the stairway under command of Inspector Walsh, waiting for the signal.

Deforest pulled away to a corner and McGinn leaped over the ropes, and there stood the sleuth with whistle blowing. But as he blew and blew, the fans kept yelling, drowning out the sound. At last, in desperation, while officers were pounding on the bolted door, the officer left the ring and as he walked towards the rear, several huskies raised him off the floor and ushered him out of a window leading to an adjoining roof, a drop of two feet.

To forestall any further interference, Buckley put the main event on after McGinn and McDonough had finished their four rounder, Murphy and Smith put up a fast battle, with Harlem Tommy far in front. He battered his opponent badly about the body. Sammy found Tommy's combination, a terrific right to the wind and a pelting left to the head too much for him and Harlem Tommy carried off the newspaper decision despite police interference.

When the fight ended, Buckley entered the ring, he held up his hands for quiet and in his Irish brogue announced:

"Gentlemen, we held this fight in spite of the tin whistle cop. I had a hard time staging this fer you and I deserve better appreciation. You members should be more careful in the future about bringin' guests to our club on stag nights. Some dirty skunk among you here to-night brought with him that cop who tried so hard to put an end to our show.

"The police broke the rear windows in the hall, but they didn't dare break down our doors. I'm goin' to report this to Mayor Gaynor. We have a legitimate membership club and no coppers are members of it. We had a right to toss that tin whistle cop out on his ears and we'll do it agin if they come in to break up our show. I hope you'll find the skunk who brought him here to-night".

UNDER SOUTHERN SKIES
By Tom Ephrem

ROCKY MARCIANO, one of the celebrated guest stars on Jacksonville's Annual Cerebral Palsy Telethon show at Hotel George Washington, endeared himself to many in my city and in his two-day stay presented boxing with new fans. In one of the finest of gestures, the retired, undefeated world heavyweight champion sacrificed much of his time to be with the handicapped kiddies. This here, we are sure, is not a sacrifice to Rocky for he felt the great privilege. One of the happiest of the youngsters was Marvin Fields, Jr., 5½ year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Fields, Sr., of Fort Lauderdale. Marvin, Jr., national poster child for 1958-'59, posed with Marciano exchanging left hooks while onlookers stood by in the GW lobby.

▶ Bids have been received on Jacksonville's future sports arena and work is slated within 30 days. Completion of the edifice, which for years has been sorely needed, is expected in the fall of 1960.

▶ Dan Hodge recorded his fifth knockout and seventh pro win with a kayo over Garvin Sawyer at Miami Beach. The finish came in round eight from a right to the face. Sawyer was on deck twice before Billy Regan, the ref, tolled the fatal ten count. The victor, at 192, had Ray Robinson, middleweight champion, in his corner. Amateurish but effective, Hodge, a wrestler-turned boxer, may yet make the heavyweight grade. He is a willing pupil. Sawyer tipped 193¼. According to our clipping, the fans, 2,187, paying $4,668.41, liked the fight, despite Sawyer seeing the canvas seven times, three from actual punches, thrice from exhaustion, pushed once, and falling after missing a roundhouser right.

In the semi-, an eight rounder, Freddie Blades, 177½, whipped Willie Mack, 176. Tony Alongi, 183, beat Tiger Flowers, 176¾, in a four. Tommy Dell Rocca, 162, took a sixer from Levi Pearson, 161. Hilton Smith, 132¾, won a four from Eddie Ludlow, 133½. Chris Dundee promoted.

▶ Too much of Jimmy Beecham cost Claude Williams the 10 round decision before a crowd of 3,000 fans at Tampa, but the Tampan did all right against such competition. The main event, rivalled by former welterweight and middleweight champion Carmen Basilio in an exhibition with protege Dickie DiVeronica for four rounds, and an interesting undercard, showed Tampa, with Sid Gemeiner and Chris Dundee copromoting, can be big league. Beecham, at 156½, received all votes of Judges Bob Diaz, John Branch and Jack Solowitz.

Billy Jones, of Clearwater, won a sixer from Billy Hall, of Miami. Buddy Cooper whipped Al Faresi in another six. Referees were Lee Sala, former middleweight contender and Tommy Gomez, former heavyweight contender.

▶ A birthday celebration usually is in good cheer. But not so for Chico Medina, 136, Ike Vaughn, 137½, saw to that. Vaughn on a good start after an operation and lay-off, scored his eighth triumph out of 10 starts on a comeback by taking the votes of Judges Stu Winston and Fred Aaronson, and Referee Cy Gottfried.

In a 10 round semi-final, Charley Pavlis, made it 18 wins (16 kayoes) by taking a decision from Willie Mack, of Jacksonville. Charley is undefeated. Both fighters hit the canvas in the melee, Mack in the third and Palvis in the tenth. In an exhibition, six rounds, popular Carmen Basilio, former welterweight and middleweight champion of the world, looked good with spar-mate Leo Owens. Silky Shelton, 149, and Bobby Bartels, 148, fought evenly in a four rounder. Chris Dundee promoted.

▶ Gomeo Brennan overlooked the under-dog role and looked the favorite in trouncing game Mickey Crawford for a 10 round decision at Miami Beach. A big third round, Crawford felt the canvas here, and a splurge onward gave Brennan the unanimous decision of Judges Eddie Thal, Barry Pearlman, and Referee Billy Regan. The winner, from Bimini, made it 15 wins in his last 16 bouts.

Garvin Sawyer, with a neat solar plexus punch, kayoed Ollie Wilson in the fourth. Pablo Caripides, 125, beat Hector Rodriquez, 123, in four. Joe Laquatra, 183, whipped Gorilla Gould, 192, in four. Bobby Marrie, promising Youngstown and Miami 137½ pounder, gained his fifth straight win (no defeats) by taking Duane Simpson, 142, in a four. Chris Dundee promoted. Attendance, 2,276, and gate, $5,075.75.

▶ If George Knowles, the Bahamas boxer who fought in Miami rings until recently, should see this here, please contact me for a message of importanct. Anyone's help will be appreciated.

▶ Sonny Liston did a job on Mike DeJohn in the featured bout at Miami Beach, good enough for Rocky Marciano, retired, undefeated heavyweight ruler to say Liston will be ready for champ Floyd Patterson within a year IF Sonny would stay lower, sharpen that left jab and move hands faster. Liston TKOed DeJohn in the sixth round of a televised fight.

Dick DiVeronica, 138½, another promising prospect, beat Billy Orias, six; Colan White, 206, decisioned Jimmy Tillman, 228, four; Joey Laquartra, 179, won a four from Gordon Pouliot; Jesse Smith, 163, TKOed Candy McLenndon, 161, in three, and Pablo Caripides, 122, won four from Hector Rodriquez, 125. Attendance: 3,858, gate, $13,250. Chris Dundee promoted.

▶ Please send in all Southern boxing notes to: Tom Ephrem, 403 West Ninth Street, Jacksonville, Florida. Fighters not under management can do likewise.

▶ Installation of 1959 officers of the Florida Boxing Guild, Inc., was held in Miami and the following were re-installed: Paul Antonacci, president; Bill O. Hogarth, vice president; Larry Kent, secretary; Art Korn, treasurer, and Sal Benetta, sergeant-at-arms. The report comes from Hank Kaplan.

▶ On Major W. H. Peeples, Jr.'s first talent show of the year, the following results were sent in by fight manager Hank Kaplin: Ed Beattie, 140, Miami, stopped Ken Sultzmann, 144, Miami, in the first round. Willie Giles, 150, Miami, shapes up okay, won a 34 second T-kayo (1st round) over Willie Finney, 149, Miami. Hymie Budow, 139½, Miami, stopped Bob Pericus, 131, Miami, in four; Bobby Marrie, 137, Youngstown and Miami, scored his fourth straight win by beating Joey Clements, 135, in four; Billy Hall, 154, Norwood, Georgia, drew in four with Swain (could possibly be Duane) Simpson, 145, Miami. Hector Rodiquez, 118, kayoed Bruce Gilbert, 118. Show took place in Miami.

BOXING NEWS FROM HAWAII
By Ted Yamachika

FLYWEIGHT RAY PEREZ, 113½, SHOWING IN HIS FIRST ten round fight, won a close decision from Frankie Duarte of Nogales, Mexico at the Civic Auditorium. Perez started off fast, scored two knockdowns, one in the first and the other in the second, but faded equally fast as his punches got wilder and wilder as the fight progressed. In the later rounds he seemed bewildered and lost points as fast as he had piled them up in the earlier rounds.

In a companion tenner, Floyd Gatiuan, 123, easily outpointed Ross Padilla, 122, of Stockton, California.

Danny Kid, 117¾, veteran fighter from Manila, showing in a special event, knocked out Joe Gouldonio, 114¾, of Reno, Nevada, in 59 seconds of the first round. The fight was scheduled to go six.

Lionel Rivera, 125½, knocked out Al Palpallatoc, 122½, in the 2nd of 6.

Harold Mara, 132, TKO'd Dan Melendez, 135, in the 3rd of 4.

This first professional fight card of the year drew a crowd of 3,075 fans and grossed $5,624. It was promoted by Boxing Enterprises, Ltd.

▶ Tombstone Smith, 150¾, of California outpointed Stan Harrington, 149¼, in an interesting, fast-paced ten round fight at the Civic Auditorium. Smith proved a bit too ringwise for the local boy and won convincingly although the margin was close. The unanimous verdict of the officials were: Referee Louis Freitas, 46-43; Judge Walter Cho, 49-44; Judge Frankie Gomes, 47-45.

Using his greater reach to advantage Smith scored well and kept Harrington away with a beautiful left jab. But it was his uncanny ability of sensing and taking advantage of every opening that returned him the winner.

The fight, promoted by Boxing Enterprises, Ltd., drew a capacity crowd of 5,372 fans for a gross gate of $14,384.

Frank Mehio, 127½, decisioned Mits Okuda, 129¼, 4 rounds. Al Palpallatoc, 121, decisioned Larry Dingui, 121, 4 rounds. George Thompson, 131¾, decisioned Mike Toth, 132¾, 4 rounds. Harold Mara, 134½, decisioned Israel Melendez, 136½, 4 rounds.

▶ Rocky Kalingo, 144¼, of the Philippines, scored a technical knockout over Billy Brown, 140, of Oakland, Calif., in the ninth of a scheduled ten round fight at the Civic Auditorium. The punch which put Brown out of commission was a left hook to the midsection. Brown sagged to the floor and although he managed to get up at the count of nine he was obviously hurt and the fight was stopped a short time later.

Larry Cantiberos, 136, drew with Harold Mara, 132¼, 6 rounds. Al Palpallatoc, 124, drew with Lionel Rivera, 125½, 4 rounds. Mits Okuda, 117¾, beat Larry Dingui, 119½, 4 rounds. Israel Melendez, 135, decisioned Mike Toth, 133¼, 4 rounds.

RING NEWS FROM SUNNY AUSTRALIA
By Ray Mitchell

AUSTRALIAN MIDDLEWEIGHT CHAMPION, CLIVE STEWART outpointed American JIMMY MARTINEZ at Sydney Stadium and suffered one of the widest eye gashes I have seen. It came in the first round and was widened during the fight.

As is usual when Stewart goes the distance, a lot of people hooted and even a few scribes disagreed. Why? Stewart won the fight well—of that there can be no doubt. The bout was interesting.

▶ Eighteen days later JIMMY MARTINEZ met welter JOE N'GIDI, a Zulu here, to contest a welter series to find a challenger for George Barnes' Empire welter title. Martinez won a somewhat scrambling fight in which N'Gidi played it too carefully for half the fight, then discovered there was no need to be careful, so went in to make the last few rounds good ones. Had N'Gidi opened up earlier, he may have won the decision. As it was, the American won clearly. Bout took place in Melbourne. Still later, February 22, Martinez defeated Willie Vaughn in 12 rounds.

▶ Nigerian SANDY MANUEL, another welter who bears the official stamp of the Empire Championship Committee as a leading contender for the Empire title, met BILLY TODD, of Australia, in an eliminator at Sydney Stadium. Todd won the fight with a handy margin of points in his favor. Referee Vic Patrick, in his most lenient mood, worked almost as hard as both boys because of their wrestling. After the bout, Vic Patrick walked into the dressing room of each fighter and warned him that he would not tolerate such tactics again. Despite the wrestling, the contest was interesting because there was plenty of activity.

▶ Australian lightweight champion, MAX CARLOS has come to the end of the road. Max took a thrashing from Israeli lightweight, DAVID OVED at Melbourne Stadium and announced his retirement from boxing. Carlos' corner threw in the towel in the eleventh round.

▶ In the same stadium a week previously, DAVID OVED easily outpointed Italian FRANCO ROSINI in a rough bout. Rosini has had eleven fights in Australia. He is rough, breaks all the rules, runs around backward and generally is most unattractive to watch. Yet promoters use him!

▶ Bill McConnell continues to put on good fights at the Doncaster Theatre, Kensington. Always the prelims are good and even when a main bout finishes early, the fans are happy. On January 22, KEITH SAUNDERS knocked out ART McLEOD in 45 seconds of the first round. Art wasn't fully recovered for five minutes.

▶ On February 5, Keith gave away about 20 pounds in weight to JIMMY REEVES and stopped him with a left hook in one minute, 15 seconds of the first round. Reeves was down twice.

▶ Between the two Saunders victories—that is on January 29—KEITH STAGG knocked out LUIGI VESCIO in the sixth round. Vescio was down four times in this lightweight bout. In the other half, welters FRANK MAGUIRE and DAVE KING staged a willing fight which thrilled the crowd. Maguire got on top as the fight progressed and King pulled out at the end of the ninth with a recurrence of a recent lip injury.

▶ A fortnight later, FRANK MAGUIRE took the ring against VINCE TOOK and found the class a bit better. Vince had Frank down a couple of times and always was master of the situation. I counted out Frank in the fifth round.

▶ On double bill at Melbourne on January 23, to open the Melbourne season for 1959. Each bout finished in the third round. BARRY MOLLOY, after being outboxed by his opponent in the first 12-rounder, got BARRY HATCHER into trouble in the third and forced a stoppage. They are featherweights.

In the other bout—a welter go—BILLY BARNES, brother of George, hit too hard for TOMMY COLLINS and referee Terry Reilly applied the full count in the third. As soon as the count was completed, Collins jumped to his feet in protest. It was too late.

▶ BILLY BARNES then met BRIAN SHEEHAN at Sydney Stadium on February 2 and Brian seemed overawed by Billy's punching power for a few rounds. Then he discovered that he was a faster puncher than Barnes and he boxed Billy, beating him to the punch, then stood and slugged with him for short periods over the latter stages of the fight. Sheehan won on points.

▶ All for now. My address is 23 Milburn Rd., Gymea, N.S.W., Australia.

EUROPEAN GOSSIP

BY CHARLIE PARISH

FEBRUARY was an exceptionally busy month with programs in all parts of the Continent. Alphonse Halimi demonstrated that as a World Champion he is not to be taken lightly, by easily disposing of Cossemyns while Hans Wohlers was given a rough going over by Randy Sandy. Heinz Neuhaus handed in his license and made way for newcomers in the heavyweight line-up—Koski of Finland and Ahsman of Sweden, both useful fighters.

Michel Diouf proved a real crackerjack in his British debut, stopping highly-rated Terry Downes.

Papp, the Hungarian block-busting middle, carried too much paprika for Andre Drille but the latter gave an impressive exhibition.

▶ **Madrid.** Jose Luis Martinez had an easy time defending his newly-won Spanish featherweight laurels against modest Rafael Gayo, beating the challenger soundly on points by taking nine out of twelve rounds. Fernando Perez Artero was another clear winner, outboxing Antonio Martin in their lightie eight while Jose Sauret outfought Gomez Acebo in a bitter bantam eight. The amateur champ, Luis Gomez, licked Josan in a flyweight six.

▶ In **Barcelona,** Juan Amaya captured the vacant Catalan cruiser title by trimming Jose Escudero over ten rounds.

▶ **Leghorn,** Italy. Now in the twilight of his fistic career, Hans Gronen of Germany suddenly finds himself in demand. He went the distance with Mario Sitri here in a fast bantam eight.

At **Alfonsine,** promising Bruno Ravaglia laced Ferruccio Consorti in a welter eight, and at **Naples,** Tony Borraccia bested Bruno Polet in a feathers eight.

▶ **Helsinki,** Finland. Promotor Ellis Ask came badly unstuck when he imported young Mimun Ben Ali for his star protege, Pentti Hamalainen. The Finn was signed up to tangle with Halimi in Paris one week later but apparently Ben Ali was not considered any sort of an obstacle. Hamalainen won the first three rounds but a hefty right hook got him going at the end of the fourth and in the fifth he was obliged to surrender. When Parisian promotor Benaim got the news he immediately scratched the Finn's name off his list and besought himself a new opponent for Halimi.

Risto Luukkonen disposed of Francisco Carreno by unsatisfactory means—the Spaniard was ruled out in the eighth heat of their flyweight slam for repeated cuffing but Luukkonen had already won four rounds with two even.

Pekka Kokkonen met a foe after his own heart in Jose-Mariano Echevarria, who was as fast and dangerous as the native son. Kokkonen was making good headway in the third when a right hook sent him down for "8" but he soon regained control and eventually obliged the Spanish cruiser to retire in the seventh session.

Ilkka Koski edged his way towards the top brackets by pounding out a clear win in 8 rounds over Jose Gonzalez, who took several counts. Pentti Rautiainen was dropped by Jean Biosca of France in the third but succeeded in obtaining a draw in a fast lightie eight.

▶ **Paris.** Mohamed Zarzi, dynamic little newcomer to the French bantam line-up, made his presence felt by thumping out an excellent win over tough Roger Cappato at the Mutualite, in an official semi-final eliminator over twelve rounds. The bout was televised.

Guizani Rezgui did well to stop Cyprien Carrie in the tenth and last round of a desperate lightweight slam.

At the Salle Wagram, Louis Poncy regained his national feathers title by beating the holder, Robert Meunier, who was disqualified in the seventh round. Poncy was well ahead at the time. It is interesting to note that he received one franc as purse money. Bertrand Dortignac made it 21 wins as pro when he laced Andre Pierson in a bantam ten.

▶ **Grenoble,** France. Jacques Dufreney, rising cruiser comer, trimmed Jacques Barlet over ten rounds here.

At **Bordeaux,** Victor Pepeder was very lucky to gain the decision over Roger Prigent in a hard lightie ten.

▶ At **Nimes.** Fernand Ferrer, brother of the noted Seraphin, was defeated in his pro debut by Albouy, naval lightweight champ.

At **Hyeres,** Francis Magnetto made a comeback by trouncing cagey Maurice Mols in a heavyweight ten.

▶ **Copenhagen,** Denmark. The veteran Dane, Chris Christensen, appears to have finally hit the right road to his ancient ambition—a shot at the European welter title. At all events, he disposed of Jacques Herbillon, the last challenger, in convincing style, battering the tough Frenchman from pillar to post for ten rounds.

Guest star was Torner Ahsman, the useful Swede, who lambasted Al Kramp of Curacao before stretching the Dutch heavyweight for the full count in round eight.

Jan Nyenkamp was too clever for Sander Bonde in their return contest and boxed his way to a neat points win in their lightie eight—last time, Bonde iced the Hollander in five. Frede Petersen whipped modest Henny Klok of Holland in a bantam six. Attendance was 5,000—a full house.

▶ **Ghent,** Belgium. The national middles title changed hands once more when Abel Soudan knocked out Bob Stevens in six rounds after dominating the fight from the opening gong. Soudan is an excellent fighter when in the mood, otherwise leaves much to be desired.

Jackie Chauveau of France was only given a draw against local Aime Devisch in a lightweight affair but deserved the nod while Roger Verhelst showed improvement by trouncing Jo Woussem in a lightie ten. Emile Vlaemynck, gifted but fragile, shared the honors with Toon Schuurman of Holland in a welter ten.

▶ **Cagliari,** Italy. The Chilean flyweight, Conrado Moreira, has gone the distance with Pascual Perez but certainly failed to last out against Piero Rollo and for a good reason. For four rounds all went well, with Rollo piling up a useful points lead but in the fifth, his left eye was severely bruised by an involuntary butt of the head. It was dangerous and Rollo tore into the Chilean during the sixth, slashing in two heavy rights and then a savage left hook which dropped Moreira to the canvas, spread-eagled for the full count. Rollo's eyebrow needed 15 stitches.

Horacio Accavallo met his toughest foe yet in Italy, Giacomo Spano, who held the Argentino to a draw in a robust flyweight ten and Paolo Melis easily whipped muscular Ben Hamida of Spain, stopping him in the seventh of a welter debate.

Juan Jose Hidalgo, Spanish bantam, lost to Gianni Zuddas in a bantam eight and Salvatore Boi outslugged Bruno Ilagi in a middles eight.

▶ **Paris.** At the Central, Rene Barriere recouped after losing to Joe Rafiu King in distant Denmark by whipping a fully-fledged lightweight, Edouard Ptak, over ten fast rounds.

At **St. Malo,** Jacques Dugenie outboxed Jean Ruellet in a good middles ten and Perrigaud drew with Francois Delannoy in a heavyweight six.

At **Blois,** lightheavy Gilbert Chapron could not stop, halt or maim tough Garcia Hildalgo of Spain and had to be satisfied with a points win.

At **Le Mans,** Moncef Laroussi trimmed Hermann Schweizer, the Swiss middle, over ten.

At the Paris Central, southpaw Jean Pommier surprised by holding Michel Francois to a draw in a very level welter eight.

▶ **Brussels,** Belgium. Gracieux Lamperti took a risk in accepting a lightweight opponent at the Sports Palace in view of his championship aims but Jean Paternotte was no match for the torrid blond from Corsica who folded up in the second.

Jean Renard returned to action with a win over Hein van der Zee, who was downed in the eighth, but lasted the full ten rounds to lose on points. Daniel Danny edged out Michel Lamora of France in a bantam six and Jean Hoeffler was upset by the young Dutch welter, Johnny De Vos, who copped the verdict after ten hard rounds. Attendance was 2,500.

▶ **Tours,** France. Jean Guerrard drew a crowd of 5,500 when he disputed a final eliminator with Pierre Rossi for the right to meet Andre Gasperini for the national title. The hyper-modern Sports Palace rocked when Guerrard dropped Rossi in the fifth but the over-keen local fighter was warned for hitting low. Rossi fought back strongly in the last few rounds but left his effort too late and was well and truly beaten over twelve rounds. Guericher whipped Watel in a bantam ten.

▶ **Wolfsburg,** Germany. Spanish visitors were given a hot reception at the Volkswagen City, where 2,200 spectators attended. Dieter Wemhoner had no great task in disposing of Domingo Lopez, a favorite German victim. Wemhoner, 171, was taller and heavier than the Spaniard, 161, and decked Lopez thrice in round seven. Referee Max Schmeling halted the slaughter in the eighth.

Francisco Frances, 161, drew with Max Heinze, 160, over six rounds and Ossi Buttner, 198, easily trounced stocky Horst Herold, 200, over eight. Horst Borzoskowski tangled

CONTINENTAL RATINGS

(MONTH ENDING MARCH 21, 1959)

HEAVYWEIGHTS	LIGHTHEAVIES	MIDDLES	WELTERS
1. Inge Johansson (SW)	Erich Schoppner (G)	Gustav Scholz (G)	Bruno Visintin (I)
2. Mino Bozzano (I)	Sante Amonti (I)	Italo Scortichini (I)	Emilio Marconi (I)
3. Franco Cavicchi (I)	Germinal Ballarin (F)	Peter Muller (G)	Chris Christensen (D)
4. Albert Westphal (G)	Charles Colin (F)	Franz Szuzina (G)	Fortunato Manca (I)
5. Ulli Ritter (G)	Rocco Mazzola (I)	Hans Wohlers (G)	Seraphin Ferrer (F)
6. Massimo Zanaboni (I)	Pekka Kokkonen (FN)	Laszlo Papp (HY)	Ben Buker II (S)
7. Bruno Scarabellin (I)	Dieter Wemhoner (G)	Andre Drille (F)	Maurice Auzel (F)
8. Hans Kalbfell (G)	Yao Kouame (F)	Giancarlo Garbelli (I)	Jacq. Herbillon (F)
9. Torner Ahsman (SW)	Domenico Baccheschi (I)	Michel Diouf (F)	Piet van Klaveren (H)
10. Ilkka Koski (FN)	Giulio Rinaldi (I)	Francois Anewy (F)	Sauveur Chiocca (F)

LIGHTWEIGHTS	FEATHERS	BANTAMS	FLYWEIGHTS
1. Duilio Loi (I)	Sergio Caprari (I)	Alphonse Halimi (F)	Young Martin (S)
2. Mario Vecchiatto (I)	Gracieux Lamperti (F)	Piero Rollo (I)	Mimun Ben Ali (S)
3. Lahouri Godih (F)	Manolo Garcia (S)	Mario D'Agata (I)	Jean Guerrard (F)
4. Fred Galiana (S)	Giordano Campari (I)	Juan Cardenas (S)	Risto Luukkonen (FN)
5. Guy Gracia (F)	Aldo Pravisani (I)	Eugene Le Cozanet (F)	Francisco Carreno (S)
6. Bobby Ros (S)	Louis Poncy (F)	Pentti Hamalainen (FN)	Jose Ogazon (S)
7. Victor Pepeder (F)	Letterio Petilli (I)	Pierre Cossemyns (B)	Andre Gasperini (F)
8. Epiphane Akono (F)	Jose Luis Martinez (S)	Federico Scarponi (I)	Edgar Basel (G)
9. Fernand Nollet (F)	Andre Vairolatto (F)	Antoine Martin (F)	Salvatore Burruni (I)
10. Felix Chiocca (F)	Ray Nobile (I)	Kader Azzouz (F)	Pierre Rossi (F)

LEGEND: B Belgium; D Denmark; F France; FN Finland; G Germany; H Holland; HY Hungary; I Italy; S Spain; SW Sweden.

for the third time with Gerhard Moll and won clearly in a good middles eight.

▶ **Grosseto,** Italy. Massimo Zanaboni won by a wide margin over the crude Martinique mulatto, Max Brianto, in a fumbling heavyweight ten here. Max was later used to try out the punch of Dave Rent in London and was flattened in four rounds. Duquesne has chilled him in three, Cavicchi in nine, which gives some line on respective punching power.

At **Cremona.** Rino Borra kayoed Jose Villalba in the fifth of a welter fracas. The Spaniard came round in hospital.

▶ **Paris.** When Promotor Benaim heard the news that Hamalainen had been stopped by Ben Ali he immediately purchased the services of Pierre Cossemyns for his Sports Palace bill. This was Pierre's big chance, he had done well of late in British rings, had lately gone the distance with Hogan Bassey. But Halimi gave him no chance. His deadly counters dropped the Fleming twice in the second heat and a steam-hammer right to the face dropped him early in the third. Another sizzling right slapped him down once again and he wisely decided to retire. The question was, would Hamalainen have been any easier for the Algerian?

Another puncher was on parade, Laszlo Papp, the remorseless Magyar who took on France's No. 1 middleweight, Andre Drille. The Basque proved a tough foe, with unbreakable spirit. He took three counts in the second frame, his southpaw stance leaving openings for the Hungarian's wicked right hooks. Papp dropped the Frenchman for "9" at the beginning of the fourth, and as soon as Drille regained his feet he was dispatched for a further count of "9". Surprisingly, Drille, in the fifth came back to split the Magyar's cheekbone and rock him with a hook to the jaw, but Papp went on to win by a good margin.

Jacques Dufreney stopped Hubert Bouye in the fourth heat of a lightheavy larrup and Mohamed Ould easily disposed of Hans Gronen, German veteran, who retired in the fifth frame of a feathers affair. Colombies drew with Desfourneaux in a welter four. The attendance was 10,000 and gate receipts were 11 million francs.

▶ **Barcelona,** Spain. At the Gran Price, Frank Garcia was rather lucky to obtain a draw with Sauveur Benamou of France in a good lightie ten. Jose Guillen robbed Jose Merayo of the Catalan feathers title by whipping him over ten and Ramon Garriga stopped Kid Daniel in the fifth of a welter slam.

In **Madrid.** Jose Ogazon decisioned the bizarre Senegalese, Bobby Diop, in a bright flyweight ten. Diop was flashy and fast but could not take much punishment. Santos Seoane nodded Raton Osuna in a bantam ten and Francisco Ortega trimmed Juan Jose Saavedra in a middles eight.

▶ **Barcelona,** Spain. Manolo Correa returned to action after losing his national middles title and succeeded in crushing an old foe, Victoriano Olivares, whom he flattened in round nine.

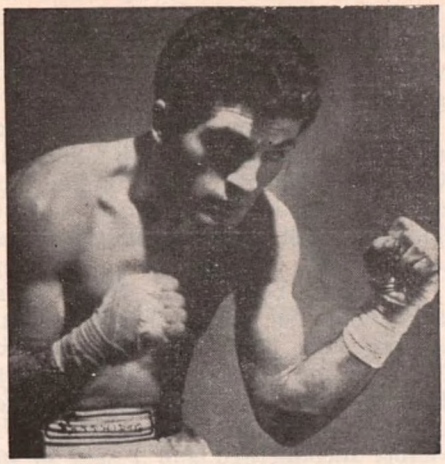
▶ **Caen,** France. Boxing opened up here once more at the Helitas Hall, with Eugene Le Cozanet defending his bantam title against ringworn Robert Tartari, who had been attending a face-lifting establishment to get his battered features in some kind of shape. It was a torrid fifteen-rounder that ended with the Breton copping the verdict.

▶ In **Paris,** Charley Attali looked good in pounding Aldo Fioretti to a halt in the third round of their middles slam at the Central.

▶ **Kaiserslautern,** Germany. Promoter Willy Knorzer gave his star protege, Karl Mildenberger, a taste of the big time when the young ex-amateur champ topped the bill in his own bailiwick, at the Agricultural Hall. Karl's foe was the weighty Belgian, Louis De Bolster, who came in at 230 against the local's 184, but the advantage was of little use. Mildenberger proved very speedy and floored the hefty Fleming in the third. A moment later he iced De Bolster with a right to the jaw.

Rolf Peters gained a difficult win over Gerhard Moll in a middles eight and Wenzel Bociek, 175, reappeared after a long absence, pipping Gunter Huber over six. Si Mohamed, the smart Algerian bantam residing in Germany, flattened Alois Maxa of Austria in one round and Gunter Hase scraped home with a close win over Helmut Hohmann in a middles six.

▶ **Lyons,** France. Andre Vairolatto moved another step toward the national title by disposing of Andre Valignat in convincing style at the Ice Rink. During the third round, Andre caught the Parisian cold with a flashing right to the jaw which laid him out for the count.



Mario Vecchiato punched too hard for his old rival, Germano Cavalieri, at Milan, Italy, and won a fifteen rounds decision in defense of his Italian lightweight title.

Paul Schiller, promising local giant, made an end of Ezio Donaggio of Italy in the fourth of a heavies slam and Roger Vinot stopped Bianchini, Roman middle, in the second.

▶ At **Besancon.** Michel Lombardet whipped that happy wanderer from the Fatherland, Gerd Muller, in a very close welter ten.

▶ **Paris.** At the Salle Wagram, Abdelkader Azzouz made a sensational comeback by thrashing Andre Gasperini in an electric bantam slam which ended in the seventh when Andre was ruled out for hitting low, after being warned for butting.

Roger Guilhot whipped Bernard Lambert in a feathers eight and Guedjal Kaci surprised by whipping Fernand Morin in a lightie ten.

At the Central Andre Davier stopped Jacques Sorriaux in the fourth of a welter clash. At **Roubaix** Belaid Meslem tanned Aime Devisch, Belgian feathers king, over ten.

▶ **Dortmund,** Germany. There was poor attendance at the Westphalia Hall when Hans Wohlers tangled with Randy Sandy, the American. The visitor soon impressed with his obvious style, even more with the fashion by which he apparently forced Wohlers to do the wrong thing. After three rounds of dictating the run of battle, Sandy floored his man with a left to the liver. Up at "7", Wohlers soaked up more unnecessary punishment and in the fifth, Sandy wrestled him to the canvas. The American had already received several warnings for low blows and cuffing with open gloves but continued to rough it up. He was ruled out in the seventh, just when he was clouting Wohlers on the ropes. The ref stopped it at the wrong moment, for Sandy at first thought the third man was intervening to take Wohlers out of action. He returned to his corner and refused to leave the ring until the verdict had been reversed.

Conny Rudhoff, 133, outfought veteran Francis Bonnardel in a good eight, Manfred Hass, 159, knocked out Claude Lapourielle in five and Hans Kalbfell, 203, outpunched tough Sifa Kivalu, 197, of Tonga, over eight. Ossi Buttner, 197, lost some kudos by being held to a draw by Werner Walloschek, 221, who was fighting his first eight-rounder. Rudolf Nehring, 164, stopped Paul Potisek in two and Heinz Winkler, 142, debuted with a points win over Marcel Aurousseau of France in four rounds.

▶ **Toulouse,** France. Brahim Kettani is a noted stayer but against hard-hitting Diego Infantes of Spain he lasted just six rounds before his corner threw in the sponge.

▶ At **Agen.** Cornella chilled Dieude in the second heat of a lightheavy slam and Serge Boe whipped Binder in a middles eight.

At the Paris Central, Robert Di Martino completely outboxed highly-touted Pierre Renoult in a lightie eight and Mouloudji drew with Michel Atlan in a bantam eight.

▶ **Copenhagen,** Denmark. Bernhard Madsen's second promotion at KB Hall was no more a public success than his first. His Danish team is composed of raw novices and Ulli Ritter of Germany has no renown in Denmark. Ritter came against another foreigner, Robert Eugene of Belgium, 231, who weighed some 20 pounds heavier. It was the best bout on the card with the roly-poly Walloon showing a suprising nimbleness. Ritter won clearly over ten rounds.

Orla Dalby gained a disputed draw with Luis Oberto, French bantam, Egon Thomsen creased Robert Ussin in the opening frame trimmed Jacques Delplace in a feathers fray, of a middles slam and Lorentz Sambleben trimmed Jacques Delface in a feathers fray. All supporting bouts were over six rounds.

▶ **Paris.** Epiphane Akono, 137, was given unexpected test by the Belgian, Jean Hoeffler, 145, at the Salle Wagram. The latter had a cut right eye and a nose bleed by the end of the second round but made things very interesting for Akono in succeeding rounds. Hoeffler was floored for "9" in the last round, Akono won.

Roger Guilhot trimmed Henri Corbanese in a feathers eight and Mohamed Sebane edged out a close win over Assane Fakyh of Lebanon in a welter ten. At the Central, Andre Queille knocked out Jean Piniarski in the sixth of a cruiser clash. A few days later.

At the same venue, Sauveur Benamou dropped Edouard Ptak four times before their lightweight slam was halted in the Algerian's favor during the second round.

▶ **Madrid,** Spain. The Chilean champion, Conrado Moreira, chalked up a lucky win over Antonio Diaz. The Spanish bantam was sent down for the full count by a wild swing to the mid-section in the fourth.

Juan Cardenas defeated Roger Cappato of France in an excellent bantam ten while Jose Gonzalez whipped Bonino Allevi in a very poor heavies eight.

In **Barcelona,** Guizani Rezgui upset Bobby Ros by narrowly beating the Spaniard in a good scrap over eight rounds, at welterweight. Juan Cardenas licked Guy Schatt in a fast bantam eight and Francisco Hervas chilled Gomez Acebo in the third heat of a feathers fray.

▶ **Barcelona,** Spain. At the Gran Price, Manuel Salcedo, 146, had an easy workout at the expense of the medicore Arias, whose corner slung in the towel during the seventh round. Paulino tanned Al Rodri in a feathers eight. A few days later.

At the same venue, Jean Biosca, the very busy French feather, was unlucky to get no more than a draw against Jacinto Santin, the turbulent Basque.

Ramon Garriga trounced Perez Artero in a bright lightie eight, and Luis Folledo kept in trim by lacing Ibanez in a welter eight.

▶ **Rome.** Horacio Accavallo, the Argentine flyweight, was held to a split decision here by young Salvatore Manca in a good eight-rounder.

▶ At **Brescia,** local cruiser ace Sante Amonti was handed another soft touch in the person of Lew Perry. The American, currently serving in Europe, was stopped in three rounds.

▶ **In Milan,** blond Mario Vecchiatto punched too hard for his old rival Germano Cavalieri, and defeated the Venetian over fifteen rounds in defense of his national lightweight laurels. Cavalieri then went on to **Bologna,** where he was unexpectedly stoped in seven rounds by the erratic Charley Douglas of America.

▶ **Barcelona,** Spain. At the Gran Price, Manolo Correa defeated Jose Escudero in an unruly lightheavy slam over eight rounds and Francisco Carreno pipped Juan Jose Hidalgo in a speedy bantam eight.

At **Teneriffe,** Frank Garcia outscored Quintero, a Canary Islander, in a lightie eight.

In **Madrid,** Domingo Lopez easily outclassed young Francisco Ortega in a middles eight. Ricardo Navarro belted out Jose Sauret in the fourth of a feathers duel and Tony Gutierrez outscored Antonio Martin in a lightie eight.

▶ **Gothenburg,** Sweden. Although Ingemar Johansson was only giving an exhibition at the Masshallen, Promoter Ahlqvist was able to register a sell-out before leaving for the States to untangle the legal commitments of his charge with Eddie Machen. Headliner was Torner Ahsman, who came in at 189 against the 209 of Germany's Ulli Ritter, one of the busiest heavies in Europe at the moment. Ahsman tried hard to settle matters in the first three rounds but Ritter boxed his way out of trouble and his experience began to tell against the Swede who was disputing his seventh fight in almost two years as a professional. The final verdict was a draw after eight rounds.

Lennart Riseberg had no easy task against tough Leen Jansen of Holland and had to work like fury to obtain a split decision with the teak-hard Dutchman.

A FOREIGN FLAVOR

(Continued from page 9)

out of the sun. It doesn't cost anything, you know."

A couple of days later, after Farr had skipped a workout, Walter St. Denis of Jacobs' publicity staff was asked: *"I see he's not boxing, what's the trouble?"* Walter's explanation was a classic of its time: *"I guess he's well enough done on one side, he's waiting for someone to turn him over."*

That first night Tommy had come down with a murderous case of sunburn. For the next 24 hours he spent most of the time laying in bed on his stomach; his neck and back were so blistered it was torture for him to let anything touch them. When he finally resumed training, he wore a shirt.

Tommy had come here as British Empire champion and, as such, was being paid something like $25,000 to write his impressions for the influential News of The World.

Nowadays, in retirement, Farr is actually a writer on boxing subjects in British publications but then he had a literary ghost in camp, a newspaperman from London by the name of Charles Barnett.

Barnett was affable to his new American associates and they liked him. He often sat with them at the press headquarters, where he composed the literature appearing under Tommy's by-line.

During the camp stay other British writers joined the press corps. One was a free-lancer, Leo Fuller, a much younger man than Barnett and of a volatile disposition which contrasted with Barnett's sober mien. Not immediately apparent to the Americans was the fact that he and Barnett didn't get along.

One afternoon their antagonism broke into open warfare. They bare-fisted it all over the press room. It ended, as such things do, when both ran out of fight, although one or two witnesses claimed it was a TKO for Barnett.

In any event, the news was relayed to Tommy as he sat down to dinner in a house some distance from the camp provided by the city of Long Branch.

His eyes lit up, his face creased into a grin. *"Tell me, mon, is Barnett all right?"* he asked. He was assured that Barnett wasn't hurt.

"That's fine," he commented as he turned back to his food, *"otherwise I'd have to settle down to do the writing. I wouldn't want to have the News of the World disappointed. . . . . I can't afford to lose the few quid they're paying me."*

In my personal relations with Farr, there is a postscript which bears retelling.

I was probably the only American boxing writer—in my newspaper, the New York World-Telegram—to give him any pre-bout chance. In fact, I went out on the limb and picked him to go 15 rounds.

When he went the distance, he naturally regarded me with affection. Our amity remained intact through his second fight in this country, against Jim Braddock, when he lost a close, and disputed, decision.

Max Baer belted him around in a third bout here and in a fourth start, against Lou Nova (by which time American Joe Gould was his manager) he lost again. This was another close one but it was my belief that Nova's victory was merited and I said so in print.

The next time I saw Farr, I quickly recognized the end of the honeymoon. He didn't grin warmly to me. Quite on the contrary, his face had a surly expression and his eyes were narrowed.

"Lister," he began, *"did I iver tell you what my old Welsh grandfather told me about newspaperman friends,"*

I went for the bait. *"No, Tommy,"* I said, *"I never did hear what your old Welsh grandfather said about newspaperman friends."*

He indulged himself in a sort of bitter chuckle.

"It was just this, mon. He said to me, 'If you've got a good newspaperman friend, shoot him before he goes bad on you!"

Ouch!

GERMAN REPORTER DOWNED BY ONE MICKEY FINN

To get over to Max Schmeling as an international boxing personality, I would have to, for myself, say that he never showed to me anything but complete courtesy and, within limits, co-operation.

In the big picture, of course, there were less pleasant overtones.

At most times, Max steered clear of controversial topics. He seemed to get a particular kick out of recalling the days when he'd first come to this country and told, with relish, anecdotes about Billy McCarney, the old Carpetbagger of Boxing, who'd been associated with Joe Jacobs, his manager of sorts.

'Of sorts' is used because Schmeling, while never publicly disowning Joe, had sharply reduced his percentage of purses and taken from him the initiative in making matches.

What was irritating about the training camp, a lovely place in the Adirondacks, was the presence and attitude of Nazi press and radio representatives covering the training.

One in particular was Arno Helmers, a heavy-set radio broadcaster, who had come here to do a blow-by-blow of the fight. He bustled about the camp, camera in hand, and expounding continually about the "happiness" in his country under the new regime.

"You come to Choimany with me, you see wonderful t'ings," he urged on unreceptive listeners.

There's a limit to everything and the patience of people at the camp had to go. One evening somebody offered to buy Helmers a drink at the little saloon across the road from the Osborne Hotel.

"Ah, yes," he beamed, *"ve will toast each other's country."*

But Arno didn't get beyond the first drink. Three minutes after he's downed it, his pink skin coloring turned gray, his balance grew unsteady.

"Von minute," he gasped, *"I'm not feeling so vell,"* and he wobbled back to the hotel.

The come-off had been anticipated—he has been slipped a mickey finn.

BROADCAST TO GERMANY ON A DEAD MICROPHONE

At the fight itself, Helmers had his troubles explaining to his home audience how the hero of a super-race was getting butchered by an inferior.

It didn't matter. He was talking into a dead mike after a minute and a half. Even before somebody had tried to throw in a towel, the radio bigwigs in Berlin had cut off the broadcast.

With Schmeling, there always was a language barrier when he chose to tell something to Machon he didn't want the Americans around to understand. This irritated everyone who had no knowledge of German—and those were in the majority.

The same situation had existed many years earlier in a similar international heavyweight title fight, when France's Georges Carpentier came here to meet Jack Dempsey.

Carpentier had been secreted by Jack Curley, his American minister without portfolio, in a place at Great Neck during training. One day a group of writers descended on him and virtually demanded an interview.

Georges, turning to Curley, exploded —in French—into a denunciation of prying American reporters. His noncomprehending listeners stood there, uncomfortable but abashed.

"What'd he say?" they asked. Curley said: *"Oh, nothing."* Then suddenly one of the writers, whom Curley did not know understood French, walked up to Carpentier and gave it back to him in spades.

The early line on Ingemar Johansson is that he's amiable, self-disciplined and conventional in methods and manner. It's hoped that he doesn't change. But no matter what turns up, it can't be a surprise. We have been over the international course before and we know it can be different . . . ah, sweet mystery of strangeness.

NEW ORLEANS AND THE SOUTH

By Ike Morales

A NEW BOXING ENTERPRISE HAS TOSSED ITS HAT INTO THE New Orleans fight promotional field, thus assuring fans from this once thriving fight center of some good ring action during 1959. The Louisiana State Boxing Commission granted the recently organized New Orleans Boxing Club a license to promote shows.

Officers of the NOBC include Danny Cohen, president; Nick Lapara, vice-president, and Harry Frisch, secretary-treasurer.

Cohen was named the promoter, while Lapara, associated with the sport for many years as boxer and manager, is the matchmaker. Preliminary plans call for semi-monthly shows to be staged in both Municipal Auditorium and Coliseum arena.

Fight managers and promoters seeking to contact Matchmaker Nick Lapara may telephone him in his NOBC office, TU 5494; his residence, JA 2-3985, or at his day-time office, JA 2-3849.

▶ Bonnie Geigerman, who has promoted for several years, has severed connections with Heard Ragas and will be licensed to stage fights on his own. Geigerman was responsible for many big attractions in the Crescent City as well as a number of nationally televised fights. It was Geigerman who promoted the Joe Brown-Wallace Bud Smith TV attraction, the fight in which "Ole Bones" captured the lightweight crown.

So, with the New Orleans Boxing Club and Geigerman in the promotional field, indications are that local fans will see some good attractions. The competition for major shows should go to make New Orleans once again a hot fight town.

▶ Whitey Esneault is showing some concern about his star-boarders—Willie Pastrano and Ralph Dupas. Consistent winners for a number of years, Willie and Ralph have been finding it difficult having their mitts raised in recent fights.

Pastrano's technical kayo by Brian London and decision loss to Joe Erskine in London have local fight fans wondering if the likeable Willie is losing some of his speed and boxing ability. Like Dupas, Pastrano is only 23 years of age. Dupas' defeats to Sugar Hart and Del Flanagan by split decisions, were real heartbreakers.

▶ Tony Dupas moved back into action by scoring a 10-round victory over Billy De Priest of Columbus, Ga., at Mobile, Ala. De Priest had run up a string of 13 straight victories before engaging young Tony. The decision, however, was a split one, with Referee Tommy Baker scoring it 97-95 for Dupas; Judge J. W. Renkel tabbing it 97-92, Dupas, while Judge L. C. Lyman voted for De Priest, 96-95.

The Mobile fight was staged in the Shrine Auditorium before a small crowd of 517 paid customers. By virtue of his victory, Tony is being considered for a return bout with Guy Sumlin of Prichard, Ala., who decisioned the New Orleans boy in their first meeting, only to lose to Tony's brother, Ralph, in a later contest.

▶ I received my Ring Record Book and Boxing Encyclopedia, 1959 edition, and believe me when I say it's out of this world. Nothing like it insofar as boxing records, boxing material and research is concerned. No fight fan should be without one.

▶ Emile Bruneau, secretary of the state boxing commission, announced that promoters' licenses have been granted to Sam Batson, promoter of the Jefferson Athletic Club in West Jefferson (just a stone's throw from New Orleans); the American Legion, which will promote shows in Shreveport and Bossier City; Jack Baumgartner, promoter of the Capitol A. C. in Monroe; Harry Romero, promoter in Lafayette and Bogalusa, La.

▶ Nick Lapara plans on developing new talent with regular Coliseum boxing shows. There are a number of youngsters who are ready for eight-rounders and who could easily be developed into headliners. . . . And Lapara intends to find out. . . . Charley Rodriguez, one of the leading fight trainers, is back in the gymnasium after being employed at the Fair Grounds race track during the 84-day winter meeting. . . . The writer may be contacted by writing to Ike Morales, 1510 Gen. Pershing St., New Orleans, La., or telephoning TW. 5-4424.

BOXING IN THAILAND

By H. D. Koslowski

PRIME MINISTER SARIT THANARAT, OTHER CABINET members, as well as a capacity crowd of 8,000 were treated to an exhibition of clowning and hula-hooping by Cuba's ranking bantamweight, Manuel Armenteros, in his fight against Pone Kingpetch over 10 rounds at Lumpini Stadium.

Kingpetch easily won every round except the sixth which I scored as a draw. Armenteros fought far below the form of his earlier fight in Bangkok in which he easily beat Featherweight Isarasak Barbos.

Kingpetch did most of the attacking throughout the 10 rounds. He scored repeatedly with fast left jabs and was twice able to knock-out Armenteros' mouthpiece. During a clinch in the 8th round, Pone was accidently butted and he fought the last rounds with blood streaming down from a cut eyebrow.

BOXING IN ALBUQUERQUE

By Johnny Seubert

Civic Auditorium: Art Persley, 132, New York City, split decisioned Joey Limas, 132, Albuquerque, in the feature ten rounder.

Flory Olguin, 132, Albuquerque, won by a kayo in one round over Sal Fierro, 131, El Paso. The fight was stopped by the ringside physician upon examination of a cut over Fierro's left eye.

Al Cintron, 154, El Paso, and Freddy Garcia, Costilla, N. M., 150, went six rounds to a draw. Cosme Rodriquez, 124, El Paso, stopped Ed Doster, 125, Hatch, N. M., in 1:41 of round one. Al Medina, 124, Juarez, unanimously decisioned Sammy Andrade, 126, Phoenix, in the opening four rounder.

BOXING IN TOKYO

By Tokio Uetsuhara

WORLD FLYWEIGHT CHAMPION PASCUAL PEREZ OF Argentina decisioned Japanese champion Kenji Yonekura in a hard fought 10-round non-title fight in Tokyo. The nationally televised fight held at the Nihon University auditorium, drew a crowd of approximately 5,000.

It was a hard fought slugging brawl all through with Perez, 111¼, doing the sharper and heavier punching. Yonekura, 113, appearing in his seventh professional bout, fought virtually on even terms with the champion for the first five rounds, but lacked stamina as the bout progressed.

Referee Ko Toyama scored it 5-1, judge Haruo Ishiwatarido 5-1, and judge Takeo Ugo 6-1, all for Perez under Japan's maximum possible four-point per round system.

Manager Lazaro Koci said Yonekura was the best fighter so far his boy had met in a non-title fight.

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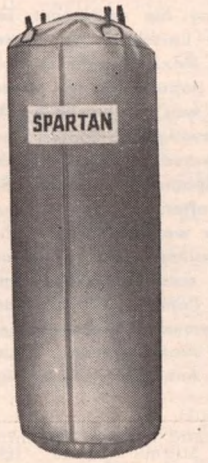

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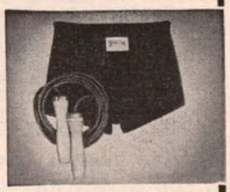

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BOXING IN JUAREZ
by Manuel Prieto

JUAREZ AUDITORIUM: GILBERTO HOLGUIN, 145, EL PASO, WON decision over "Chilango" Rosales, 146, Mexico City, in ten rounds. The aggressive El Paso welterweight was too busy for the Mexico City veteran.

Edmundo Esparza, 118, Juarez, scored an impressive win by K.O. over Jorge Velazquez, 120, Juarez, in the 4 round.

Manny Coronado (Berrios), 124, Sonora, won over Andy Hernandez, 123, El Paso, in six. Jesus Mendiola, 126, Juarez, won by K.O. over Pastor Valdez, 127, Juarez, in four. Blas Sosa, 126, Juarez, decisioned Manuel Almaguer, 125, Juarez, 4.

▶EL PASO COLISEUM: Roy Harris, 198, Cut and Shoot, Tex., and Johnny Hunt, 206, Tyler, Tex., technical 5 round no decision, according to Mr. Alton Erickson, Texas Commissioner. Harris, out in front in the first five rounds, scored with a left to the chin of Hunt. The referee's count reach to nine and the Tyler boxer was on his feet and ready. Harris tried to finish his opponent in vain. Suddenly the bell rang and the ring announcer jumped into the ring, declaring that the count of the referee was slow, halting the fight. The ring announcer finally got suspended by the Boxing Commission and Harris had to be satisfied with a "no decision" instead a possible K.O. win.

Henry Gutierrez, 138, Deming, won by K.O. over Pete Ruiz, 143, El Paso, in a slambang fight. Henry won in 6. In another tough fight, Johnny Shaw, 131, Los Angeles, won an 8 rounds decision over Marcelino Vargas, 136, El Paso. Al Melendez, 137½, Juarez, won decision over Joe Shaw, 134, Los Angeles, in eight good rounds. Lloyd Kirkpatrick, 147, El Paso, making his first appearance in almost three years, won over Lou Garduno, 144, Mesa, 4.

▶JUAREZ MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM: Ramon Hernandez, 158, Juarez, won a hard fought decision over veteran Jorge Castro, 159, Mexico City, in 10 rounds.

Tony Ortiz, 122, Camargo, looked like ready for higher competition by stopping Rogelio Cortez, 125, Juarez, in the second round.

Hector Ramirez, 126, Juarez, had a good pro debut winning a decision over veteran Sammy Andrade, 125, Juarez, in four rounds. Al Cintron, 150, El Paso, won decision over Fidel Dominguez, 153, Juarez, 4. Emilio Medina, 125, Juarez, won over Jesus Mendiola, 126, Juarez, 4.

▶JUAREZ MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM: Lauro Salas, 128, Monterrey, Mex., had too much experience and ring savvy for young and willing Henry Gutierrez, 133, Deming. The former world's lightweight champ fought in flurries, but had the young New Mexican fighter bleeding from the third round.

Eduardo Santos (Eddie Saint), 120, Juarez, fought like a tiger, winning by K.O. in the third over Beto Uribe, 116, El Paso. Santos looked very impressive.

Carlos Ayala, 125, Mexico City, won by K.O. in the second round over Jean Zavala, 126, Juarez. Pancho Florez, 146, Chihuahua City, won by K.O. in one over Agapito Rivas, 145, Juarez. Silvestre Villarreal, 138, Monterrey, stablemate of Lauro Salas, stopped Andres Flores, 140, Juarez, in the second.

LA LAGUNA AND THE MEXICAN PROVINCE
By Miguel Ramires Aznar

PROMOTER MANUEL MATEOS STAGED TWO BOXING SHOWS DURING THE MONTH, both at Arena "Olimpica" of Gomez Palacio, State of Durango.

Veteran Cesar "Chino" Saavedra, 128, outboxed Monterrey's strong boy, Hector Esqueda, 130, to win the 10-round duke. Esqueda, a willing mixer, was too "green" for experienced "Chino."

Panchito Saldivar, 117, Monterrey, stopped Raul Olmos, 118, in three rounds. Miguel Oronda, 129, kayoed Manuel Galvan, 127, also in the third. Felipe Martinez, 125, outpointed Ruben Dorado, 126, in six. Indio Martinez, 114, bested Armando Vargas, 115, in four.

▶Here comes the Little Horse again! Gregorio "Goyo" Flores, 115, Flyweight Champion of La Laguna, landed two left hooks to Jose Luis Mora's chin and stopped the Mexico City 119 pounder in the second round.

Cain Rogero, 123, was too strong for young Panchito Saldivar, 116. The referee halted the match in the eighth round to save Panchito from more damage. Miguel Orona, 129, knocked out Vicente Floores, 128, in three rounds. Manuel Favela,fi 137, also kayoed Faustino "Choco" Lucero, 138, kid brother of Fidel Lucero, in the fifth. And to finish the Kayo Nite, Lupe Sanchez, 119, stopped Lazaro Perales, 117, in the third.

▶FRESNILLO:—Mulato Rodriguez, 115, stopped Efren "Raton" Sanchez, 111, in four. Raton, a real old timer, used to be the Zacatecas Flyweight Champ. Kid Saucedo, 123, stopped Juan Alvarez, 121, in the seventh of the 10-round semi.

▶GUADALAJARA:—Ramon "Bobby" Cervantes, 126, La Laguna, and stablemate of famous Raton Macias, won by disqualification over Joe Reyes, 127, in the seventh round for butting.

▶VERACRUZ:—Roberto Brito, 150, outpointed Jacinto Montalvo, 148, in ten rounds.

▶PACHUCA:—Domingo Chavez, 122, halted Pascual Perez, 119, in the third.

▶PUEBLA:—Gustavo Sosa, 118, and Jorge Salazar, 117, drew after ten well fought rounds.

▶MONTERREY:—Chaparro DeLeon, 117, decisioned Arturo Vazquez, 116, in ten. Luis Lugo, 126, outscored Manuel Galvan, 126, in eight rounds.

▶ACAPULCO:—Alex Arenas, 125, got the duke over Arnulfo Palomares, 127, in ten rounds. Pollero Garcia, 119, iced Torito Navarete, 119, in the fifth.

▶OBREGON:—Ray Ruiz, 116, easily handled Cowboy Rudy Corona, 119, and got the 10-round decision. Camilo Flores, 148, surprised when he kayoed Al Mendoza, 152, in the third round.

▶GUASAVE:—Sabino Gonzalez, 123, twice floored Jose "Memo" Diez, 125, and kayoed the former National Flyweight Champ in the sixth round. Joe Valdez, 120, decisioned Joe Gonzalez, 121, in the 10-round semifinal bout.

▶AGUASCALIENTES:—Bernabe Escobar, 125, kayoed Jose Trejo, 126, in the first round. Angel Coronado, 119, kid brother of Rudy Coronado, stopped Mulato Rodriguez, 114, in three.

▶GUADALAJARA:—Jorge "Pulga" Herrera, 118, the busy veteran and former National Champ, kayoed Alberto Martinez, 117, in seven rounds.

▶MEXICALI:—Raul "Raton" Macias, 126, looking great, only needed two rounds to halt Carmen Iacobucci, 131. The Cincinnati Italian visited the canvas two times. Caracol Hernandez, 132, bested Enrique Castillo, 133, in the 10-round semi. Pajaro Gonzalez, 125, KO'd Pollo Moreno, 124, in two rounds.

▶CHIHUAHUA:—Pedro "Vetarra" Rodriguez, 135, stopped Feliciano "Chano" Barrientos, 132, La Laguna, in the ninth round. Carlos Rios, 130, La Laguna, halted Arturo Garcia, 136, in only two rounds.

▶VERACRUZ:—Ricardo "Raton" Vargas, 126, outscored Saul Toledo, 127, in ten. Marcel Montoya, 117, won by disqualification over Negro Vela, 118, in the fifth round.

▶COLIMA:—Saul Becerril, 117, defeated Angel Coronado, 118, in ten rounds. Chamaco Figueroa, 119, halted Mario Diaz, 120, in the sixth.

▶MONTERREY:—Raymundo Rafael Torres, better known as "Battling Torres", went ahead with his great campaign. Now the Frontier Tornado, weighing 136, kayoed Irish boy Pat McCoy, 130, in the ninth round. Facundo Martinez, 123, outpointed Ray Zamora, 127, in the 10-round semifinal.

▶ACAPULCO:—Rafael "Torito" Mota, 119, bested Efrain Quintana, 123, in ten rounds. Kid Roma, 132, outpointed Reyes Ramirez, 130, in eight. Chucho Castaneda, 117, kayoed Mariano Orbe, 115, in the third.

▶MEXICALI:—Alfredo "Al" Nevarez, 135, Juarez, now under Memo Valero's management, had to work very hard to get the 10-round duke over tough veteran Ted Red-Top Davis, 136, Andres Garcia, 129, kayoed Felipe Payan, 127, in the second. Francisco "Coca-Cola" Echeverria, 145, stopped Pelon Martinez, 146, in seven.

▶FRESNILLO:—Lupe Garcia, 135, Zacatecas Lightweight Champ, whipped veteran Floro Hita, 139, Cuba. Gallito Debora, 116, outpointed Pecas Alanis, 117, in the other tener.

▶PACHUCA:—Undefeated youngster Juanito Ramirez, 128, put to sleep Borrado Flores, 131, in only four rounds.

▶CUERNAVACA:—Queretaro Kid, 126, halted Clemente Quijano, 125, in the fifth. Antonio Jimenez, 119, stopped Aztequita Morelense, 120, also in five rounds.

▶OBREGON:—Alfredo "Molote" Cota, 148, outscored Arnoldo Gil, 146, in ten rounds. Antonio Gutierrez, 125, decisioned veteran Pedro "Patitas Chuecas" Garcia, 126, also in ten.

▶ACAPULCO:—The local Boxing Official Commission ordered a bantamweight tournament to obtain the Guerrero State Champion. Here you have the results of the first show: Juan Ibarez, 118, decisioned Pollero Garcia, 118, in ten; Lauro Garcia, 117, outpointed Enrique Moreno, 118, in ten rolls.

▶MONTERREY:—Husky Little Wolf from La Laguna, Claudio Adame, 128, floored four times rough southpaw Luis Gutierrez, 127, Mexico City, to get a very bloody 10-round decision triump. Hector Ramirez, 129, stopped Chucho Reyes, 130, in four rounds.

▶IRAPUATO:—Ramon Perez "Kid Irapuato", 119, made a fine debut in his home town when he kayoed Cuban Reynaldo Tavio, 117, in only two rounds.

▶CUERNAVACA:—Ray Ruiz, 117, stopped Angel Jimenez, 119, in two. Rodolfo Lopez, 123, outpointed Efrain Quintana, 125, in ten rounds. Victor Adame, 127, got the duke over Tribilin Carmona, 124, in other 10-rounder.

▶MONTERREY:—Tobe Penaloza, 145, the Big Mulatto from Acapulco, scored a very hard decision triump over Paco Castro, 150, in ten rounds. Panchito Villa II, 125, bested Chamaco Monroy, 123, in the 10-round semi.

▶OBREGON:—Pedro "Huesitos" Gonzalez, 132, Cuba, stopped Joey Arias, 129, in the eighth. Pastor Gonzalez, 119, outpointed Frankie Silva, 122, in ten rounds.

▶ACAPULCO:—The new National Flyweight sensation, Fidel Alfaro, 114, had an easy one when he kayoed Pancho de Jesus, 117, in six rounds. Martin Ortiz, 118, defeated Torito Navarrete, 117, in ten.

RAUL (RATON) MACIAS

The announcement of his retirement following his victory over Ernesto Parra caused quite a stir among the Mexican fight fans as Macias was the most popular of the recent boxers. Macias only 24 was recognized by the N.B.A. as world bantamweight champion from 1955 until he was defeated in a bid for the world crown held by Alphonse Halimi in 1957. He made a comeback after a year's absence last November and has won all three of his bouts fighting as a featherweight. Raul lost only twice in 36 fights, scoring 20 kayos and listing Billy Peacock, Dommu Ursua, Nate Brooks, Fili Nava, Chamern Songkitrat, Leo Espinosa, Larry Bataan, Juan Cardenas, Tanny Campo and Gaetano Annaloro among his victims.

BOXING IN YUCATAN
By Eduardo Amerg

HUIXTLA, CHIAPAS: ANTERO "CUBANITO" Gonzalez, 123, of Yucatan, continued on his uninterrupted winning streak when he scored a knockout over Luis Ohm, 124, in 3 rounds.

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RIGHT FROM MEXICO CITY
By Selsso Tiborro

February's highlight was the fight between Raul Raton Macias and Ernesto Parra, Macias made his Mexico City comeback since he was defeated by Halimi in Los Angeles. This was also his last fight as he announced at the end of it that he was retiring.

▶Alfonso Palma, 108, stopped Cuervo Salinas, 112, in 8. Babe Zaragoza, 136, decisioned Salomon Coronel, 142, in 8. Roberto Bravo, 123, stopped Mosco Vargas, 117, in 2.

Ramon Ramirez, 118, decisioned Tony Lopez, 118, in 6. Gaby Beltran, 111, stopped Al Ramirez, 104, in 2.

▶David Cervantes, 147, decisioned Pichon Reyes, 145, in 10. Al Olivera, 134, decisioned Valentin Rangel, 133, in 8. Jose Luis Salazar, 118, stopped Jose Luis Valdez, 118, in 1. Fidel Garcia, 112, decisioned Mauro Miranda, 112, in 6. Tarzan Alvarado, 147, stopped Humberto Castillio, 146, in one round.

▶Chuy Rodriguez, 117, got the decision over Guillermo Gonzalez, 120, by disqualification in 7. Kid Sandoval, 117, stopped Chucho Rico, 118, in the eighth and last round of the semifinal. Clemente Quijano, 125, stopped Memo Balderas, 124, in 4. Miguel Rojas, 119, stopped Carlos Verdiguer, 119, in 3. Othin Torres, 131, and Ray Najera, 129, drew in 4.

▶Al Urbina, 135, stopped Ezequiel Uribe, 136, in 9. Max Huerta, 120, stopped Alberto Soto, 120, in 5. Victor Adame, 126, decisioned Manuel Rojas, 121, in 6. Tony Aguilar, 127, stopped Martin Rebollo, 130, in 6. Mauro Villegas, 123, stopped Juan Torito Rocha, 119, in 1.

▶Carlos Arregui, 133, got the decision over Francisco Barraez, 136, Venezuela, by disqualification in 5. Huracan Mazatleco, 126, stopped Daniel Silva, 126, in 5. Juan Ayala, 110, decisioned Pedro Rodriguez, 110, in 6. Tomas Diaz Conejo, 118, stopped Bernabe Escobar, 120, in 3. Centavo Jardon, 110, stopped Ramon Estrada, 106, in 2.

▶Roque Fernandez, 117, decisioned Saul Becerril, 114, in 10. Tacuba Hernandez, 115, decisioned Alex Jimenez, 118, in 8. Miguel Ulloa, 113, decisioned Roman Rodriguez, 108, in 6. Antonio Sarmina, 127, decisioned Luis Galindo, 129, in 6. Pancho de Jesus, 112, decisioned Jose Luis Dominguez, 112, in 4.

▶Chihuahua Kid, 137, stopped Jose Paredes, 137, in only one round. Chino Castelan, 124, decisioned Beto Rodriguez, 126, in 8. Tarzan Alvarado, 142, stopped Hector Cruz, 146, in 1. Chuy Zulueta, 146, decisioned Martin Padilla, 136, in 6. Cordova Rodriguez, 135, stopped Santos Mata, 133, in 1.

▶Before a crowd of over 16,000 fans, Raul Raton Macias, 127, decisioned Ernesto Parra, in 10 hectic rounds. Macias looked slow but his boxing ability was the right medicine for Parra who was faster and in a better physical condition.

In a give and take semifinal Bobby Cervantes, 130, decisioned Luis Trejo, 126, in 10. Guillermo Tellez, 118, stopped Raul del Olmo, 115, in 2. Victorio Guzman, 134, stopped Reyes Ramirez, 132, in 6. David Monroy, 103, decisioned Antonio Zarate, 112, in 4.

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BOXING IN URUGUAY
By Mario Laplume

Carnival Season and extremely hot weather, prevented the holding of most indoor sports. We have only one boxing meeting as a result: **Palacio Penarol:** Francisco Gomez (Arg. 60k.) kayoed Juan Velazquez (Arg. 59k600) in 2. Julio Perez (Urug. 60k800) decisioned Manuel Raposo (Arg. 60k800) in 8. Roberto Rebollo (Urug. 58k800 decisioned Carlos Estrada (Arg. 58k800) in 10. Juan Carlos Ducay (Arg. 66k100) decisioned Miguel Salazar (Arg. 66k 700) in 10.

BOXING IN PANAMA
By Juan C. Copeland

PANAMA NATIONAL GYM, PANAMA CITY: PROMOTERS TORRES BROTHERS. Panama lightweight champion Horacio Otis, 136½, handed former Panama featherweight king Isidro Martinez, 136¾, a sound lacing in winning a unanimous ten round decision. Isidro showed poorly and after the fight announced his retirement from the ring.

In the semi-final Vicente Worrell, 128, won a split decision over Carlos Cantillo, 129¾, in a good six rounder. Antonio (Toro) Gonzalez, 121, stopped Pedro Frutos, 121, in the second round and Eligio Pontiles, 113¼, ruined the night for the Frutos family by defeating Pedro's brother Lazaro, 113¾, in the other four.

▶Macarena Bull Ring, Panama City: 17 years old Panama bantamweight Hector Hicks scored a major upset when he fought his way to a unanimous ten round decision over second ranked world flyweight Ramon Arias of Caracas, Venezuela before a howling mob of local fans. Hector won by a wide margin over his foe who seemed overweight at 117 pounds, a quarter pound less than his conqueror. It was a big boost for boxing in Panama.

Rodolfo Ampudia, 116, veteran local idol, handed Lorenzo Samuels, 117, a good beating in kayoing him in 1:13 of the third round in the semi-final. Ernesto Campbell, 120¼, stopped Angel Roque Cedeno, 118¾, in 2:13 of the second and Jose Perez, 127, and Stanley Wilson, 129, slugged to a four round draw.

▶Maearena Bull Ring, Panama City.—Promoter Chino Hassan, Panama Featherweight champion Jesus Santamaria, 125 scored a ninth round tko over Rodolfo (Bobo) Francis, 129½, in a one sided contest. Francis took a sound beating all the way until the referee stepped in. The fight had been scheduled to be 15 rounds for the title but when Francis weighed in overweight it was changed to rounds.

Valentin Brown, 125¼, won every round in taking the six rounder semi-final from Jose (Escobito) Rivas, 124¼. Eloy Henry, 117, former Central American amateur champion made his pro debut a winning one as he halted Roy Thoiky, 122, when Roy didn't answer the bell for the fourth round. Jose (Baby) Pacheco, 114, defeated Lazaro Frutos in the four round opener.

BOXING IN ARUBA
By John W. Merryweather

THE ARUBA BOXING ASSOCIATION STAGED A GOOD CARD here in which Charles Cotton of the U.S.A. defeated Sugar Boy Nando, Aruba, by a split decision. Nando weighed 157 to 151¼ for Cotton. The Referee and one of the judges voted for the American.

In another bout, Tony Baldoni of the U.S.A. retired in the fifth round of his bout with Battling Siki of Aruba, due to an injured right hand.

Kid Zoral of Aruba outpointed Nino Valdez of Curacao in six rounds. Kid Walcott, Aruba, lost on points to Jack Johnson, Curacao, in six and Little Joe Aruba lost by a TKO to Johnny Gumms, in the first.

BOXING IN CUBA
By Dr. Jorge A. Vieites

New Sports Director, Mayor Felipe Guerra Motos has appointed well known sports writer Jess Losada, as the new Boxing Commissioner, and Amador Urquia, his Assistant Assesor, Fernando Acena and yours truly are the Members of the Rating Committee and of the Boxing Rules Committee. First thing done, was to eliminate the category of Juniors (Welters and Lights). Nino Valdes was selected Athlete of the year, Rolando (Chico) Morales, Fighter of the year, and sensational featherweight k. o. artist, 18 years-old, Urtimio (Sugar) Ramos, undefeated boy, as Novice of the year.

▶HAVANA.—Cuba's flyweight titleholder, Oscar Suarez, 118½, lost a disputed verdict in 10, against Mexican Chucho Hernandez, 117½. The verdict was split and almost caused a little riot. I doubt that Suarez will ever again make the flyweight limit.

Cuba's No. 2 Bantam contender, Felix Gutierrez, 117, scored a down in the third to clinch the unanimous verdict in 10, against Mexico's Javier Garfias, 115¾.

Promising Heavyweight, Reiniero (Rey) Lopez, 198½, scored his 2nd. k. o. win in as many pro-fights, when he disposed of Alberto Pearson, 183½, in 1.56,-of round two.

Ignacio Perez, 120, drew in 4 with Jose de los Santos, 120¼ pounds; and Israel Napoles, 131¾, won in 4 from Orestes Cisneros, same weight.

▶HAVANA.—Sensational, undefeated, k. o. artist, "The Novice of the Year", Urtimio (Sugar) Ramos, 127, scored his most important victory to date, when he stopped veteran Orlando Castillo, 124¼, in 2.50 of the 10th. By this victory 18-years-old Ramos become No. 1 Contender for the featherweight title.

Light-heavy king, Julio Carreras, 157, lost on a foul in the 3rd of a non-title bout when he butted Baby Colon, 156.

Pedro LaBarrere, 137¼, won in 6 from Angel Martinez Chapman, 136¼.

Juan A. Chacon, 148½, stopped Andres Torres, 146¼, in 2; while Cristobal Gonzalez, 124, drew in 4 with Armando Castillo, 129.

▶HAVANA.—Cuban Welterweight champion, undefeated Luis Manuel Rodriguez, 145½, scored an impressive win when he stopped veteran Jose Miceli, 144½, N.Y.C., in 1.11 of round five. Before Miceli's manager asked the fight to be stopped, Miceli had already visited the canvas twice.

Reappearing after a 10 month lay-off due to a terrible automobile accident, Hiram Bacallao, 113½, lost a split verdict in eight to Jose Oliva, 116¾. Every newspapermen at the ringside, except two thought the fight was a draw, thought that Bacallao deserved the nod. This was his 8th pro-fight and first defeat. Oliva was downed in the 3rd.

Jorge Nunez, 120¼, continued undefeated when he stopped Stanislaus Fernandez, 121½, in the first.

Jose A. Napoles another promising newcomer, 128, won easily in four from Armando Castillo, 130; while Joe Louis Hernandez, 142, drew in four with Armando Brizo, 143½.

▶HAVANA.—Rolando (Chico) Morales, 135, became the new lightweight champion of Cuba, when he stopped Armando Baragano, same weight, in 1.10 of the third. Morales dropped the champ twice.

Johnny Sarduy, 118¾, fighting his 32nd pro-fight, scored his 30th victory when he won the unanimous votes in his ten rounder with Mexican Javier Garfias, 119½. In my score-card Sarduy won: 6-2-2.

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Christy when he punched Referee Otto Kuss instead of his opponent. The strutting Irishman made things look easy when he downed Mario (The Butcher) Galento in straight falls.

Preliminary scraps in Houston and Galveston during the past 30 days saw Penny Banner beat Kathy Starr; Dizzy Davis won over Tosh Togo; Joe Christy and Yvon Roberre drew; Lester Welch flopped Hans Hermann.

WRESTLING NOTES FROM THE SOUTH
By Gene Gordon

Over 11,000 wrestling fans packed Charlottes Coliseum and saw The Great Bolo retain his mask with a victory over Larry Hamilton. Hamilton, known as (The Crusher) gave Bolo a rough time until he injured his left knee in the Texas Style death match and had to submit when he couldn't stand up.

Al and John Smith returned to Charlotte and won The Southern State Tag Team Title from George Becker and Mike Clancy. The Bearded Brothers are still rough as ever but very much hated by the fans. They have figured in many riots all over the South. Police have to escort them to and from the ring to keep the tough twosome, of Russian descent, from being mobbed. A few years ago in Wilmington, N. C., Al Smith was attacked by an irate fan as he left the Arena and knifed so badly it took over 90 stitches to close the wound across his back.

Billy Two Rivers, popular Indian star, defeated Eduardo (Rocco) Perez while Enrique Torres won over Rugged Mike Paidorisis. Torres who is new in this territory is the most sensational newcomer to show here in years. Tom Bradley, who recently left the Carolina area, is one of the most colorful matman around. Tom is rough and clever and always gives a good account of himself. He's a crowd pleaser and a likeable fellow outside the ring.

Fred Blassie, Southern States Heavyweight Singles Champion and Paul Anderson headlined a recent program in Atlanta, Ga. Blassie lost to the strong man when he was disqualified for being too rough. Fred used to take a lot of unethical treatment from other top tough and rough wrestlers but changed his style and now gets disqualified.

Jack O'Brien is making another tour of Southern rings. The rough house Dallas, Texan is clamoring to face the best in the South. He especially wants

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TRIPLE CHAMP ARMSTRONG HAS 'NO REGRETS'

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up in Harlem have been fooled something terrible by these California fighters. They shipped Young Peter Jackson in here and told us he was the greatest fighter since Joe Gans, but down at the Garden everytime we looked up he was on the floor. Then you came along, and you know one thing Henry, when you came out of that corner, bobbin' your head up and down, all tremblin' and shakin' all over like you couldn't even walk straight, we felt sure they'd sent us another punch drunk fighter!"

This is the unassuming Armstrong's favorite story. *"You know, come to think of it,"* he laughs, *"you couldn't really blame the fellow, I used to do an awful lot of shaking, bobbing, and weaving in the ring, but that's what saved me. It made me hard to hit solid. If I'd been a straight-line walk-in fighter without all that herky jerky, I would never have been anything,"* admits the three time titleholder.

Along with other pleasing facets of his personality, Armstrong, not even excepting Louis, is probably the most modest of all the great fighters.

"Listening to this guy," whispered bystander fight manager Bobby North, *"you'd never think he ever won a fight."*

Conversationally he never refers to wins or knockouts, using such phrases as, *"- in that round I hit him a left hook"* in place of such expressions as *"- I knocked him out in that round."* Therefore it came as no surprise when he disclaimed any knowledge of the recent widely quoted article by Tv sportscaster and N.Y. Daily News columnist Jimmy Powers, in which Powers called Henry *"beyond a doubt"* the *"Greatest Negro fighter of all time."*

Passing lightly over this gaudy designation, Armstrong voiced wonderment over the present plight of his one time nemesis, Fritzie Zivic of whom he is very fond. *"When I read about Fritzie working as a laborer I felt kinda bad. He had lots of tricks in the ring but there never was a sweller guy outside of it. What in the world did he do with all his money, but then who am I to ask that question?"* whimsically philosophized Henry.

The still dapper, Armstrong, who has turned to evangelizing in recent years is at present also connected with an outfit marketing a healing agent for arthritis. Recently returned from England, where he was among the ring elite, who appeared in the ring at London's Harringway Arena at the final boxing show held at the famed club, he regards this trip as a most prized experience.

"The people over there treated us all, Max Baer, Gus Lesnevich, myself and the rest as though we were still world champions, I really enjoyed that trip," exuberates Armstrong.

Like most of the rest of us, Armstrong's life has not been without its personal problems, and in his religious activities he has found the key to releasing himself from a most formidable one. He finds much happiness in the surprising affection and esteem in which he is still held by the general public despite the fact that his days of glory are twenty years in the past.

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brother of Gene's, seemed unlucky to get only a draw with Jackie Hayden, 137, of the Canadian Maritimes. Jackie Smith, 137, Washington Heights, outpointed a stablemate of Barker's, Tana Serna, 127, San Marcos, Tex.

▶ With available main-event talent getting scarcer and scarcer, Teddy Brenner elected to present a "youth program" for his Washington's Birthday offering at St. Nicholas Arena. Youngsters who had been shaping up well in preliminary bouts were featured in a trio of tens, and each bout produced a likely prospect for future headline status. Probably the best of the three was a 21-year-old former Golden Gloves star, Emile Griffith, 147½, West Side, who polished off veteran Barry Allison, 148½, Westover, Mass., at 2:44 of the fifth. The one-sided affair was automatically halted after Allison had been knocked down three times in the round. Chico Velez, 135½, East Side, displayed plenty of speed in outhustling Roger Harvey, 140½, Bermuda, in their ten, and Chico Rollins, 136¼, West Side, punched too hard and too often for Santiaga Ramirez, 136¼, Cuba, in the third section of the triple windup. Referee George Walsh ended the affair at 0:43 of the fourth with Rollins belting his opponent at will. The opening four also uncovered a likely youngster in Joey Bing, 138, Inwood, who finished his Long Island rival, Davey Ross, 139, Bellerose, at 2:14 of the third. The non-TV'd card attracted a turnout of 1,636 and gross receipts of $3,378.

▶ Closed down to professional boxing for nearly three months (first by the Christmas-New Year's holidays, then by a series of Golden Gloves eliminations), Sunnyside Garden swung back into punch-for-pay action with Jose Torres again topping the card. The unbeaten Puerto Rican, 163, made it ten straight pro wins, and eighth by kayo, by stopping Eddie Wright, 161½, Philadelphia, at 2:10 of the fifth. Torres' savage slugging had Wright down once in the fourth and twice in the fifth when Referee Mark Conn called a halt. Jose's hysterical Puerto Rican followers accounted for another sellout at the Long Island City arena. The attendance was announced as 2,470 and the receipts as $5,200. Along with Torres, Cus D'Amato had two other entries on the card. In the semi-final six, Paul Wright, 159, Harlem, battered Young Joe Walcott (Harvey McCullough), 154, Bridgeport, Conn., into a technical kayo at 1:20 of the last round. Jim Boyd, 176, Mt. Holly, N. C., didn't fare so well in the opening four. He couldn't do better than draw with Eddie Vick, 183, Rochester, N. Y. Boyd seemed to have difficulty adjusting his natural stand-up style to the awkward peek-a-boo stance D'Amato insists on having his fighters adopt.

▶ Much too shifty for his veteran opponent, Gene (Ace) Armstrong, 157¾, Elizabeth, N. J., galloped to his 17th straight victory as a pro by winning easily from Italo Scortichini, 161, Italy, in an unexciting ten in Madison Square Garden. It was Scortichini's first bout in an American ring in two years, and he was slow and sluggish. In only one round, the second, did the Italian display the busy, slap-dash tactics that once featured his operations. For the most part he stalked futilely after Armstrong, swinging wildly and running into a steady succession of countering lefts and rights. Scortichini was shaken in several rounds but Armstrong didn't have the power or the desire to cash in on his momentary advantages. He seemed satisfied to win without taking unnecessary chances. The only time Scortichini was off his feet was when he slipped to the canvas after missing a lunging left early in the sixth. In the semi-final, scheduled for ten, Candy McFarland, 136¼, Philadelphia, halted Gene Cresham, 136¼, Detroit, on eye cuts at 2:05 of the eighth.

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to face all the so-called pretty boys saying they are his pet peeve in wrestling. Veteran Pat Fraley and son Freddy have been setting Fort Worth, Texas, afire with their tag-team bouts.

ALONG THE WRESTLING TRAIL

By Betty Krieger

Laurel Gardens, the Newark New Jersey wrestling arena, has closed its doors to wrestling leaving Newark mat fans without an arena for their weekly shows. Mat shows are held in the Peterson Armoury every three weeks.

Great Scott's car wash, said to be the second largest in the world, will open next week, with all the latest modern equipment, if any of the "Scott fans" should be driving along route #70, near the Garden State Race track, in the Delaware Township, Scott would love to meet and greet you.

"That blood and thunder match between Toyko Joe, and the blonde Jet Johnny Valentine, really had the fans sitting on the edge of their seats, in the Washington D.C. Capitol arena, with Johnny wrestling clean and scientific, until Joe decided to make it a pier six brawl.

Johnny obliged by unmercifully bludgeoning his man into submission.

Valentine claims the TV championship title won by beating Verne Gagne. Gagne, however, has denied this. What about it boys, who is the TV champion?

It's welcome back to Johnny Barend, the Buffalo flash, who a few years back, had won the fans hearts. Johnny has been on a world tour and is on the West Coast now where he is being well received. He often teams up with Don Lewin, as tag team partner.

He will team up with Johnny Valentine to meet the Graham brothers on future Washington Uline Arena card. Four atomic blondes, what a match that will be!

Gene Stanless, was presented in the Washington ring with a beautiful jeweled crown from his fan club.

Frank Townsend, the singing grappler, really trying very hard to be a top notch wrestler, has the heart and the ability to make it big.

Rating the video shows: Number 1—Tv Mat Show, Vince McMahan's Capitol Arena at Washintgon, D. C. Number 2—Bedlam from Boston, a taped Boston wrestling show, with top talent, such as Killer Kowalski, the Tolos Brothers, Peper Gomez, Don Leo Jonathan, and many more. Number 3—the Minneapolis Wrestling card. N.W.A. wrestling stars appear in this one. Number 4—the Manny Heckler shows on channel five. Number 6—Wrestling from New York, with Lonny Starr, Ringside.

CONNECTICUT RING NEWS
By Sal Giacobbe

HARTFORD'S NEWEST BOXING CLUB, SPORTS PROMOTERS, INC. with former boxer Johnny Cesario as promoter and long time boxing impresario, Leo. P. Bradley, as matchmaker, made its first professional boxing venture a huge success both financially and artistically, with 1,783 fans attending the opening show at Hartford's spacious State Theatre. Featuring Hartford's two best boxing prospects in companion ten rounders, lightweight Steve Ward and Welterweight Billy Lynch, as well as other local boys on the undercard, created enough interest to insure the promoters a chance to start their club with a "winner".

Billy Lynch, making his first start since serving a short hitch in the service, was paired with Otis Woodard of New York. With a good first round under their belts, both boys came out for the second round well aware they were in a tough fight. With the fight fairly even midway in the second round, Lynch caught Woodard with a solid right smash to the head as he was coming out of a clinch, decking Woodard for an eight count. Lynch taking advantage of this turn in the fight flayed away with both hands and with Woodard unable to defend himself at this point, referee Max Maravnick stopped the fight at 2:58 of the round. Lynch's weight was 148 to Woodards 155.

In the other ten rounder, Steve Ward, 140 was opposed by Eddie Armstrong, 140, of Elizabeth, N. J. It was a fairly even fight for the first four rounds, but Armstrong, with a tireless and relentless attack, concentrating mainly on Ward's midsection, took command in the fifth and was an easy winner. He dropped Ward with a left hook in the last round. In a scheduled six, Jimmy Monts, 155, Hartford was awarded a TKO victory over Maurice Jenkins, 155, New York, by guest referee Willie Pep. In another six, George Ross, 140, Hartford won the decision over Merrill Olmstead, 139, Springfield. In another six, Art Holliday, 160, Hartford scored a 4th round TKO over Henry Lee, 158, Albany, N. Y. The show grossed $4,180.

▶ Back with their second show of the month, Sports Promoters, Inc. are determined to give boxing, in Hartford, a real whirl. With the State Theatre again the base of operations, another good crowd, 1,568 fans contributed to a gross gate of $3,560.50.

Billy Lynch, 147, who definitely belongs in the top ratings, was again in the feature bout, with Frankie (Kid) Anselm, 151, of Philadelphia as his opponent, in a scheduled ten. For the rangy, Lynch, his opponent, short and chunky, Anselm, was far outclassed from the beginning. Anselm held his feet until the sixth, when he finally went down for the first and last time as Referee Red Moffet decided he had taken enough punishment for one night. For Lynch it was his 19th straight win and his 39th in 42 bouts.

In the 10 round semi-final, Jimmy Mondts, 165, of Hartford won the duke over Floyd McCoy, 170, of New York, in the most exciting bout of the night. There were no knockdowns in this bout.

Other bouts, Jimmy Beans, 134, New York, defeated George Ross, 138, of Hartford in a six. Art Holliday, 157, Hartford, scored a three round kayo over Johnny Pruitt, 156, of Brooklyn, in a scheduled six. In another six rounder, Jimmy Mitchell, 146, Elizabeth, N. J., was awarded a TKO victory over Don Vincent, 144, of Providence, at the 5th round, due to a cut under Vincent's left eye.

LEFT HOOKS FROM SCRANTON AND VICINITY
By Kenneth (Duke) Stigner

THE FRIENDS OF BOXING HAVE FINISHED THEIR FIRST series of seven boxing shows, and are well pleased with the turnouts. They now are making plans for their second series. The seven shows played to an average of more than 1,200 payees and did o. k. in the financial department. The FOB have started gyms in several localities and have boxing clubs started in nearby communities and have created a great deal of interest. The next series will be on a semi-monthly basis.

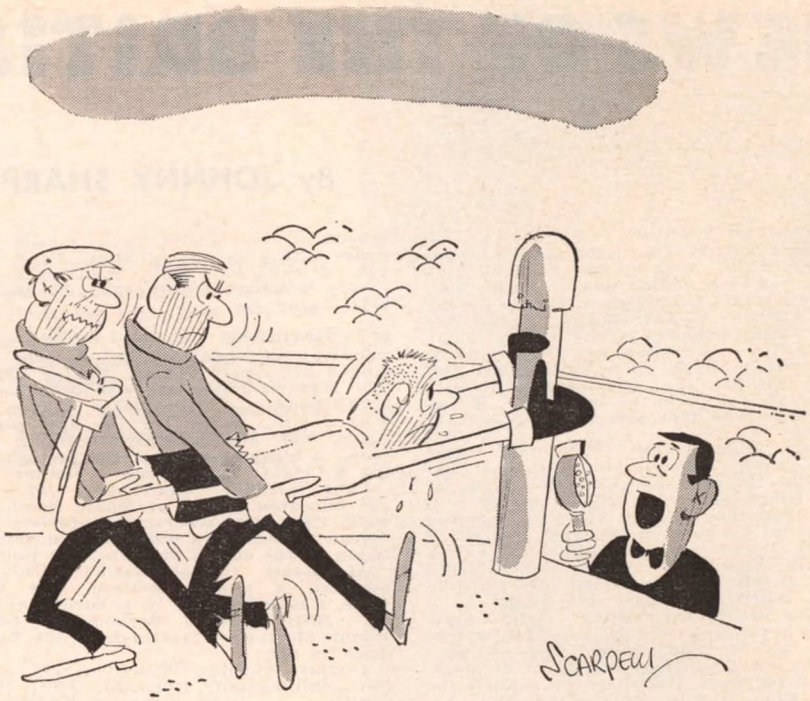
In a fine card headed by Rory Calhoun of New York, pro boxing came back to the Anthracite region with a bang in the first fistic program in a year. Promoter Joe Simone's show was witnessed by more than 1,500 fans in Wilkes-Barre's South Main Street Armory.

Calhoun rocked his opponent, Al Hauser, Philadelphia, to the canvas in the final round of an interesting bout. Hauser went down from a powerful right to the chin. He took an eight count, and then Calhoun was after him again. Another smash to the head floored Hauser again and he was on the ropes unable to defend himself when Referee Manny Gelb halted the fight and awarded Calhoun the win on a TKO in 1:17 of the final round.

In the semi-final Bobby Barnes, 159, Wilkes-Barre, defeated Rudy Cornet, 164, Brooklyn. In about the best fight seen in some time Chuck Bloss, Wilkes-Barre, and Ronnie Cohen, New York City, had the fans cheering. The boys staged a slambang six round draw, neither giving an inch.

In other bouts on the 40-round show, Jimmy Bing, New York City, gained a TKO over Norman John, Wilkes-Barre, in two heats. The boys are lightweights. Benny Clayborn, 127, Wilkes-Barre, copped a 4-round decision over Roy O'Connor, 127, New York. Robert Clerour, Montreal heavyweight finished Tommy Harris, New York, in the first round after scoring four knockdowns in the first heat. Billy Pickett, former AAU welterweight king was too classy for Ralph Stokes, Coatsville, scoring a TKO in the third.

▶ Waiting For The Bell . . . Gus Shorts toying with the idea of going with pro shows in Town Hall, Hank Stezar's old stamping grounds. . . . Veteran Professional Boxers' Association making plans for their annual banquet. . . . My address 109 Robinson St., Chinchilla. . . . Thanks to all who have written me.



"HIS SECONDS ARE WORKING ON HIM TO GET HIM BACK IN THE FIGHT!"

BOXING BITS FROM VIRGINIA
By Jack Levinson

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY DON (BILL) BRENNAN, of the Virginia Athletic Commission reported to this writer that the "March of Dimes" boxing card held at Langley Field, between the Roanoke PAL and Quantico Marines, was one of the best he had the pleasure of seeing in many years. In the feature; Oscar Freeman, 149, (NAS Norfolk) won a split decision over Robert Fox, 150, (USAF Langley). In the semi windup, Carlos Poindexter, 157, (Ft. Eustis) won over Cleo Drake, 155, (USAF Langley).

The Roanoke PAL boxers scored a triumph over Quantico Marines, winning 5 of the 7 bouts in their team match. About 1000 fans attended the show in the Marine Corp Armory in Roanoke. Nick Nichols (PAL) KO'd Ronnie Saul, in three, Jimmy Muse (PAL) won over Tom Settles; Jimmy Johnson (PAL) won over John Williams; Louis Sahnow (PAL) KO'd Don Granchay in the first; Tommy Thompson (PAL) won over Roger Goedert; Lyle Faughn won over Joey Bush (PAL) and Billy Vick won over Henry Mathes (PAL).

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NEWS OF THE BRITISH ISLES

By JOHNNY SHARPE

WEMBLEY POOL.—Former British Heavyweight Champion Joe Erskine, Wales, 193, won his way back into top class with a clear points win over America's Willie Pastrano, 185, over ten classic boxing rounds. Erskine boxed beautifully, and was able to amass sufficient points to run out an obvious winner. Pastrano, no mean hand at clever boxing himself, somehow seemed unable to combat the Welshman's superior abilities, and although he tried hard, it was a tired Pastrano that saw victory slide out his grasp.

British Middleweight Champion Terry Downes, 159¾, suffered an unexpected setback when he met defeat at the hands of Marcel Diouf, Senegal, 160½, in the fifth of a scheduled ten rounder. Downes received a badly cut eyebrow in the first seconds of the first round, and although this was a handicap indeed, he battled determinedly against an all-action opponent, described in France, where he makes his home, as a latter-day Henry Armstrong. Diouf threw as many punches as did Downes, but it was obvious that the game English boy was running into heavy weather, and in the fifth session Referee Jack Hart rightly applied the closure when it was obvious that the eyebrow gash was getting worse.

Making his professional debut in his native country, after an apprenticeship served in the U.S.A. under the guidance of Al Weill, Bootle born Dave Rent, 187½, knocked out Max Brianto, France, 201, in the fourth of a scheduled eight rounder. Rent punched hard and often and gradually softened the big Frenchman until the payoff punch in round four.

Fred Kaoho, Tonga, 204, stopped Fenwick Ward, Trinidad, 212, in the first round. . . . Frank Bowling, Edmonton, 137½, outpointed Dave Chandler, Battersea, 135½, over six hard rounds. . . . Pat Stapleton, Ireland, 186, outpointed Bernie Jelley, Bermondsey, 203, over six rounds. . . . Howard Winstone, Merthyr Tydfil, 124, outscored Billy Grayson, Bethnal Green, 127½, over six. . . . Johnny Cole, Bow, 175, won a gruelling six rounder from Tommy Leroy, Redhill, 175½.

▶NATIONAL SPORTING CLUB.—Former ABA Flyweight Champion, Derek Lloyd, Chingford, 113, proved too clever for Malcolm McLeod, Coventry, 112, in a keen eight rounder.

Terry Burnett, Cardiff, 147¼, and Phill Williams, Cardiff, 142½, fought it out over six rounds with the nod going to Burnett after a thrilling contest. . . . Al Beretti, Seven Dials, 160½, stopped Dudley Cox, Bournemouth, 154½, in the third, with the referee intervening as Cox had taken heavy punishment.

Alan Howard, Holloway, 135½, knocked out Peter Hill, Leyton, 136, in the third. . . . Peter Sexton, Charlton, 124½, stopped Freddie Dobson, Manchester, 124½, in their scheduled six rounder when Dobson had to retire with a gashed eyebrow. Peter Anderson, Cricklewood, 146½, made a good recovery to outscore Terry Coombs, Battersea, 151½, over six.

▶LIME GROVE, London.—Alf Mancini, The popular Welterweight of pre war times, staged his yearly Charity Boxing Show for The Mayor's Fund and was rewarded with a full house. . . . Reg Fisher, Leyton, 146½, took 2 min., 28 sec., of the first round to knock out Jimmy Daly, Canning Town, 145½. A straight right to the jaw after taking a "eight" count from a similar punch.

Paul Gormley, Canterbury, 161, busted the unbeaten record of Maxie Beech, Chiswick, 158½, also reversing a previous points defeat, by scoring a well deserved points decision at the end of six gruelling rounds.

Al Bereti, Covent Garden, 159½, was awarded a points decision over Charlie Lake, Catford, 164½, in a hard fought six. . . . Billy Goodwin, Bermondsey, 140, and Ronnie McMasters, Nottingham, 138, fought a draw in six.

Tommy Murphy, Willesden, 147, stopped Bob Shillingford, Romford, 146¾, in the fourth. . . . Terry Harper, Walthamstow, 135½, outpointed Dave Chandler, Battersea, 132½, in six. . . . Peter Hibbert, Shepherds Bush, 128½, outpointed Johnny Rico, Putney, 127, in six.

▶WILLENHALL.—Jimmy Robinson, the promising Brownhills lightweight, 130¼, did a smart performance in knocking out Johnny Fitzpatrick, Sheffield, 132, with a perfect right to the jaw in the third. . . . Tommy Power, Nottingham, 160¾, stopped the run of successes that Colin Moore, Derby, 160, had been piling up when the referee intervened during the third round after Moore had sustained a bad cut eye. This was the first bout that the promising Derby Lad was taking part as a middleweight.

Aubrey Day, King's Lynn, 130, defeated Colin Salcombe, Smethwick, 131, in the second round. The referee ruled Salcombe out for hitting his opponent "Before he had told them to box on" after both had been warned to break from a clinch. . . . Tony Smith, Wolverhampton, 191, outpointed Stan Davies, Birmingham, 189, in six. . . . Ernie McCrea, Preston, 160, gained a points win over Ron Gray, Walsall, 160½, in six. . . . Jimmy Fitzpatrick, Sheffield, 129, outpointed Harry Salcombe, Smethwick, 124, in six.

▶LIVERPOOL.—Tony Smith, Bootle, 147, is one of the most popular boxers appearing at Johnny Best's Stadium. The youngster was the best prospect of "The Talent Shows" and he enhanced his reputation with a good points win over Wally Swift, Nottingham, 156½, in eight. . . . Johnny Cunningham, Huddersfield, 159, battled gamely with a bad cut eye during the fifth round to win a points decision over Billy Collins, Stepney, 163, in six.

Bob Cofie, Ghana, 134, outpointed Ken Hignett, Bootle, 139, in six. . . . Richie Edwardson, Bootle, 147, knocked out Johnny Mercer, Nottingham, 142, in the fourth. . . . Malcolm Worthington Crew, 162, knocked out Barry Burke, Preston and Jamaica, 156, in the fifth.

▶WALSALL.—Jacob Dempsey, Leicester, 160, was awarded a points decision over Ted Buck, Nottingham, 161, after a hard fought eight. The decision received a very mixed reception. . . . Johnny Brittle, Walsall, 116½, boxed cleverly to outpoint Pete Halberg, Grimsby, 115, in six.

Brian Hunt, 136, and Billy Allport, Walsall, 132, fought a draw in six. . . . Chris Elliott, Leicester, 125½, stopped Ron Harris, Neath, 129, in the fourth. . . . Roy Smith, Retford, 135, outpointed Johnny Lloyd, Worcester, 137, in six.

▶CARDIFF.—Phil Edwards, Cardiff, 159½, was too clever for Martin Hansen, Liverpool, 159¼, in a good bout over ten rounds. . . . Pancho Bhatachaji, India, 112, was called upon to meet a last minute substitute in Billy Downer, Stoke Newington, 116½, and after giving a masterfull display and scoring a knockdown in the fourth, referee Bill Williams stopped the one sided bout.

Ray Ashie, Ghana, 136, stopped Ronnie Rush, Cardiff, 136, in the fourth. The Welshman was forced to retire at the end of the round because of a damaged hand.

Anastasius "Tanos" Iambrianides, a Grecian, 147½, an amateur who is allowed to take part in "Six" bouts during the year according to his "Ministry Of Labour" permit, and his purses handed over to Charity, found Gus Harry, Trinidad, 144½, easy to hit, and although connecting with his terrific swings, had to be content with a points win in six. . . . Terry Burnett, Cardiff, 146½, and Leo Maloney, Hillingdon, 148, fought a draw in eight. . . . Johnny Thomas, Cardiff, 126, knocked out Dennis Everett, London, 128, in the first. . . . Gerry Jones, Wigan, 119, narrowly outpointed Sammy Brown, Cardiff, 119½, in six.

▶EPSOM.—George Aldridge, Market Harborough, 159¾, had only himself to blame for being ruled out for a low delivery against Johnny Read, Norwood, 158¾ during the third round. . . . Aldridge seemed all set for a quick win when he set a right in the prohibited area.

Dave George, Woking, 154¾, pulled one out of the bag when he connected with a right to the jaw of Charlie Fordham, Kings Cross, 155, and the latter was counted out. . . . Terry Lake, Morden, 144½, outpointed Bernard Hart, Eltham, 144½, in a hectic six.

Freddie Clapton, Islington, 174¾, did well to overcome a early battering to outpoint Johnny Vernon, Channel Islands, 170, in six. . . . Domingo Valleral, Trinidad, 138, outpointed Terry Russell, Covent Garden, 137, in six. . . . Roy Lake, Morden, 125, outpointed Johnny Rico, Putney, 127, in six.

▶GLASGOW.—Frankie Jones, Plean, 112, successfully defended his British Flyweight Title with a clear points win over fifteen rounds against his fellow Scot, Alex Ambrose, Glasgow, who scaled one ounce inside 112.

Johnny Caldwell, Belfast, 114¾, gave an impressive performance in outpointing Henri Schmid, France, 113½, in eight rounds. . . . Caldwell comes of age in May, and then will be eligible to box for The British Title. Then we may see a new flyweight champion in the brilliant EX-Amateur from Belfast.

Floyd Robertson, Ghana, 126½, now domiciled in Belfast, outpointed Roy Jacobs, Nigeria, 127¼, in eight hard hitting rounds in which both were down for counts.

Pat Byrne, Glasgow, 159, made his first appearance in his native town as professional when he forced the referee to intervene in his favor during the first round. His opponent Vincent O'Kine, Ghana, 155, was down for four counts before a halt was called.

Billy Rafferty, Glasgow, 117¾, gained a clear points win over Dennis East, Canning Town, 119¾, in eight. . . . Dick Kiernan, Glasgow, 138¾, outpointed Cecil Martin, Belfast, 136¼, in four.

▶BRISTOL.—Billy Smith, Croydon, 172½, was awarded a points decision over Abe

BRITISH EMPIRE RATINGS

(to March 21, 1959)

HEAVYWEIGHTS	CRUISERWEIGHTS	MIDDLEWEIGHTS	WELTERWEIGHTS
1. Henry Cooper (E)	Yvon Durelle (C)	Dick Tiger (N)	George Barnes (A)
2. Brian London (E)	Johnny Halafihi (To)	Terry Downes (E)	Johnny van Rensberg (SA)
3. Joe Erskine (W)	Mike Holt (SA)	Yama Bahama (B)	Gerald Gray (J)
4. George Chuvalo (C)	Yolande Pompey (T)	Clive Stewart (A)	Joe N'Gidi (SA)
5. Joe Bygraves (J)	Sammy Langford (N)	Wilf Greaves (C)	Tommy Molloy (E)
6. Dick Richardson (W)	Jack Whittaker (E)	Phil Edwards (W)	Hector Constance (T)
7. Gawie de Klerk (SA)	Arthur Howard (E)	John McCormack (S)	Albert Carroll (E)
8. Kitione Lave (To)	Chic Calderwood (S)	Martin Hansen (E)	Sandy Manuel (N)
9. Joey Armstrong (G)	Ron Redrup (E)	Freddie Cross (W)	Billy Todd (A)
10. Allan Williams (A)	Eddie Wright (E)	Attu Clottey (G)	Johnny Melfah (N)

LIGHTWEIGHTS	FEATHERWEIGHTS	BANTAMWEIGHTS	FLYWEIGHTS
1. Dave Charnley (E)	Hogan Bassey (N)	Freddie Gilroy (I)	Johnny Caldwell (I)
2. Willie Toweel (SA)	Percy Lewis (T)	George Bowes (E)	Dennis Adams (SA)
3. Richie Howard (C)	Bobby Neill (S)	Johnny Jarrett (A)	Frankie Jones (S)
4. Ludwig Lightburn (BH)	Charley Els (SA)	Dick White (A)	Len Reece (W)
5. Jackie Hayden (C)	Floyd Robertson (G)	Tommy Miller (E)	Derek Lloyd (I)
6. Ron Hinson (E)	Roy Jacobs (N)	Billy Rafferty (S)	Alex Ambrose (S)
7. Barney Beale (E)	Charley Hill (S)	Jimmy Carson (I)	Lloyd Gordon (C)
8. George Bracken (A)	Johnny Howard (E)	Eric Brett (E)	Warner Batchelor (A)
9. Darkie Hughes (W)	Aryee Jackson (G)	Derry Treanor (I)	Little Joe (G)
10. Max Carlos (A)	Eddie Baronet (SA)	Graham v. d. Walt (SA)	Ado Garuba (G)

LEGEND—(A) Australia; (B) Bahamas; (BG) British Guiana; (C) Canada; (E) England; (F) Fiji Islands; (G) Ghana; (IN) India; (I) Ireland; (J) Jamaica; (M) Malta; (N) Nigeria; (NZ) New Zealand; (S) Scotland; (SA) South Africa; (T) Trinidad; (TO) Tonga; (W) Wales.

Stanley, Poole, 174¼, in a thrilling eight. . . . Alex Bryant, Islington, 128, outpointed Terry Reese, Catford, 126¼, in eight. . . . Making their professional debut, two teenagers put up a scrap that had the crowded hall "All Agog".

George Hogarth, Bridgewater, 104½, and Johnny Hills, Brighton, 106, were the teenagers, and when the referee stopped the bout in the fifth and declared Hogarth the winner, a shower of coin and notes flooded the ring.

Peter Ratcliffe, 146, Bristol, got off the floor in the third to force a draw against Joe Ceroni, Italy, 148, in six bruising rounds. . . . Tommy Hayes, Bristol, 149, outpointed Bob Shillingford, Romford, 148, in six. . . . Johnny Summers, Islington, 136, stopped Ron Rowley, Bristol, 135½, in the third, when the latter sustained a badly cut eye.

▶ BRIGHTON. — Promoter Alec Taylor brought boxing back to Brighton after a long hiatus, and 2,500 people, if not a capacity crowd for the Brighton Sports Stadium, enjoyed one of the slickest shows for some time.

Brian Jones, Nottingham, 131½, won an eight rounder against Byron Hollingsworth, Trinidad, 134¾, by a considerable points margin. It was the third meeting between these two lads.

Referee Tommy Little disqualified Tommy Leroy, Redhill, 175½, in the fifth round against Gerry McNally, Liverpool, 169½, for an alleged low blow.

Wally Swift, Nottingham, 146, took an eight rounds points decision from Phil Williams, Mountain Ash, 144, in a good boxing match.

Freddie Dobson, Manchester, 126, outpointed Kofi Manu, Ghana, 124½, over six rounds, with the Mancunian showing great promise. Tom Murphy, Willesden, 147¾, and Terry Tulley, Brighton, 143½, put up a sparkling six fighting rounds with Murphy taking the edge. Alan Howard, Holloway, 135½, stopped Jimmy Norcott, Stepney, 138, in the fourth.

Terry Harper, Walthamstow, won the final of a lightweight novices contest when he outpointed Ricardo McMaster, Jamaica. The presentation of a cup was made by Tommy Farr, who received a big welcome from the crowd.

▶ BELFAST.—Joe Collins, Marrow, 150, dealt out heavy punishment to Paddy McAuley, Belfast, 151¾, in the 5 minutes that the bout lasted, with McAuley taking a short count in the second round and rising in too dazed a condition to continue. The referee halted the bout.

Richy Edwardson, Bootle, 149, stopped Pat Price, Newry, 149¾, in the sixth, when the latter's seconds skied the towel after Price had taken a considerable beating.

Peter Lavery, Belfast, 113¾, outpointed Silas Boko, Nigeria, 112, without having to pull out too much to win the nod.

Gerry O'Neill, Belfast, 141, and Roy Houston, Belfast, 138, put up six dreary rounds before the referee called it a draw.

Jackie O'Brien, Belfast, 143, outpointed Tommy Larmour, Belfast, 143, over six.

▶ NEWCASTLE.—George Bowes, Hesledon, 117, stopped Eric Brett, Retford, 118, in the fifth of a scheduled ten rounder, when Bowes came from behind to smash the game Retford boy with a barrage of lefts and rights that had Brett in a bad way before the referee called a halt.

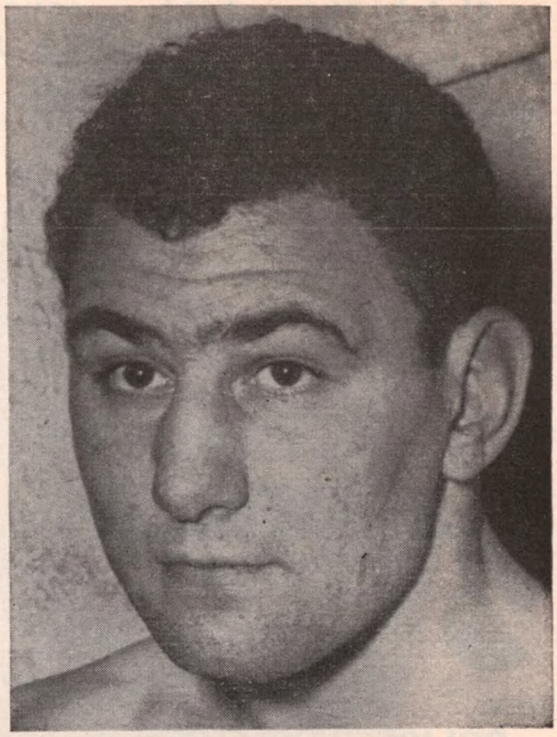
Jack London, Blackpool, 173, was forced to retire in the fifth of an eight rounder when he suffered a badly gashed eye. Opponent Brian Coxhead, Preston, 167, was the winner.

Dave Croll, Dundee, 125, outpointed Andy Hayford, Ghana, 128, over eight rounds. Ron Jackson, Newcastle, 152, outpointed Brian Husband, Hull, 149, over six, while Archie Hawkins, Glasgow, 128, took the same distance to win from Keith Dennision, Stockton, 133, and Allan Dean, Birkenhead, 161, outscored Ted Buck, Nottingham, 157, also over six rounds.

▶ NATIONAL SPORTING CLUB.—Ron Richardson, Canning Town, 147¾, outscored Ted Batterham, Battersea, 147, over six rounds. The referee was three times forced to call for more action, but it was mainly a clash of styles that made the bout a bore.

Tony French, Woking, 151½, outpointed Tommy Lee, Croydon, 154½, over six rounds. . . . Phil Jones, Cardiff, 130, and Eddie West, Bethnal Green, fought a terrific six rounder with the nod going narrowly to Jones. . . . Don Braithwaite, Caerphilly, 115, posed a little more than he punched, and it cost him a win over Frank Spencer, Wolverhampton, 116, over six rounds. The decision was a draw.

Freddie Collins, Chinnford, 146½, stopped Buster Gaffney, Croydon, 144½, in the third round, after Gaffney had taken three counts. . . . Billy Walker, Kings Cross, 118, outscored Mark Quinn, Woodford, 119, over six.



Joe Erskine, of Cardiff, former British heavyweight champion, won his way back into top ranking when he decisioned Willie Pastrano in a ten rounder at Wembley Pool. With Erskine's victory, for the first time three British heavyweights are rated among the world's top ten.

▶ LEYTON.—Terry Spinks, West Ham, 123½, now boxing as a featherweight, won every one of his eight rounds against Con Mount-Bassie, Jamaica, 123. The ex-Olympic star was in great form and gave a whirlwind performance.

Tommy Tagoe, Ghana, 147¾, stopped ring-rusty Jimmy Newman, Walthamstow, 147, in the second round. Newman seemed completely out of touch with his opponent and after taking two long counts and looking out on his feet when he rose, the referee rightly stopped the contest.

Reg Fisher, Leyton, stopped Terry Gill, West Ham, in the second of a scheduled eight rounder when Gil suffered a badly cut eyebrow.

Bobby Wilson, Dagenham, 128, outpointed Phil McGrath, 130½, over eight rounds. . . . Brian Jago, Tottenham, 127¾, stopped Jimmy Fitzpatrick, Sheffield, 133½, in the third session, the referee calling the halt when Fitzpatrick was in a bad way.

Ron McMasters, Nottingham, 143, knocked out Ted Arthur, Belfast, in the first round.

▶ WALWORTH.—Darkie Hughes, Cardiff, 137½, outpointed Eddie Hughes, Walworth, 137, over eight exciting rounds.

Dennis Hinson, West Ham, 137½, outpointed Peter Heath, Dagenham, 137, over eight fast rounds.

Billy Goodwin, Lambeth, 141, outscored Jimmy Norcott, Stepney, 140½, over six. . . . Joe Ceroni, Bournemouth, 151, punched too hard for Vic Cowley, Hackney, 149, in an all-action bout. The referee called a halt in the third.

Billy Secular, Walworth, 132, stopped Johnny Redman Bournemouth, 133, in the second. . . . Teddy Haynes, Birmingham, 151½, stopped Nick Davis, Walthamstow, in the fifth.

▶ BIRMINGHAM.—Chic Calderwood, Craigneux, 176¾, clearly outpointed Harry Dodoo, Ghana, 171¾, over eight exciting rounds to notch his seventeenth straight win.

Tony French, Woking, 153, was outpointed by southpaw Joe Somerville, Berkhamstead, 155½, over six rounds. . . . Colin Spittle, Brierly Hill, 171¾, knocked out Tony Ratcliffe, Bristol, 171½, in the first session.

Ron Gray, Walsall, 163, won from Lloyd Lewis, Doncaster, 163, when the latter was disqualified in the third for persistent holding. . . . Ken Barley, Birmingham, 147, outpointed Georgie Davis, London, 146, over six rounds.

▶ BELFAST.—Al Sharpe, Belfast, 143, so outclassed Paddy O'Callaghan, Dagenham, 147, that the referee intervened in the sixth of a scheduled eight rounder.

Sammy Cowan, Belfast, 136¾, outpointed Joe Sharpe, Belfast, 137, over eight rounds. . . . Peter O'Callaghan, Dagenham, 133, stopped Cecil Martin, Belfast, 135½, in the second.

Bernie Feeney, Banbridge, 131, won from Alex McCready, Conlig, 128, when the latter was disqualified in the seventh of an eight rounder for not trying. . . . Jack O'Brien, Belfast, 142, outpointed Roy Houston, Belfast, 139, over four rounds.

▶ LEICESTER.—Jack Whittaker, Warwick, 175, was disqualified in the sixth of a scheduled eight rounder with Burke Emery, Canada, 172, for an allegedly low blow.

Ron Vale, Leamington, 161, outpointed Tommy Power, 159½, in a dull eight rounder. . . . Barry Ridge, Leicester, 118, outscored Alf Parsons, Wales, 116½, over six.

Gene Jackstins, 190, stopped Tony Smith, Wolverhampton, 198, in the fourth, when Smith received a badly damaged eyebrow. . . . Ted Buck, Retford, 163, stopped Jack Dempsey, Antigua, 160, in the second, when Dempsey suffered a bad gash over the eye.

Jimmy Robinson, Brownhills, 131, outscored Johnny Fitzpatrick, Sheffield, 131¾, over six rounds.

▶ LIVERPOOL.—Tony Smith, Bootle, 146½, scored his eleventh straight win by outpointing Peter Cobblah, Ghana, 143½, in the eight rounds main event. . . . Malcolm Worthington, Crewe, 161, came back after taking a hiding in the first round to administer a second round kayo to Ernie McCrea, Preston, 161, in their scheduled six rounder.

Ken Chadwick, Bournemouth, 154, knocked out Barrie Burke, Preston, 154, in the first session. . . . Harry Duffy, Bootle, 126, stopped Billy Nelson, Lancaster, 130, in the fourth, the referee halting the bout when Nelson had sustained a badly cut left eyebrow. . . . Peter Fenwick, Ellesmere Port, 145, knocked out Tommy Weston, Preston, 142, in the second.

MINNESOTA NEWS
By Bill Colbert

THE DEL FLANAGAN vs. RALPH DUPAS BOUT AT St. Paul drew $15,652 despite the fact it was televised. Though Flanagan got the verdict, many disagreed. Marty O'Neill, of St. Paul did the announcing and did a fine job.

Roseville captured three of eight St. Paul Golden Gloves titles.

Tommy O'Loughlin, promoter in Minneapolis, was injured in an auto accident in California.

Tommy Gibbons, retired sheriff, advised Golden Glovers at a testimonial dinner not to turn professional.

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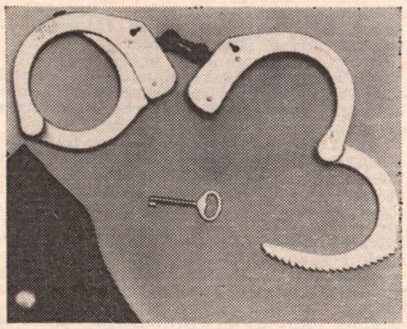

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MICHIGAN FISTIC FACTS
By Jack Waina

TWO SHOWS WERE PROMOTED HEREABOUTS THE PAST MONTH and ironically enough, they were held on the same day. C. W. (Larry) Smith held his usual bi-weekly card at the Graystone Ballroom, while the Mercury A. C. held their show some sixty miles away (an hour's ride from Detroit) at the Toledo Sports Arena.

With small club boxing battling to survive, it is silly and short-sighted for two clubs (operating in the red) to buck heads. The two combined drew a meager total of 1,402 fans which, isn't good.

Detroit promoter Smith announced following his show that he would discontinue his current bi-weekly club fights. However, "Big Smitty" made it known that he wasn't abandoning the promotional picture and would be willing to hold fights involving local talent pitted against name opponents. But for the time being it looks like Smith will have to take a back seat to the Mercury A. C.

Currently there are three local lads nursing undefeated streaks. They are Irish Billy Collins 13, Ernest (Sonny) Hill 10, and Jim Pettaway 7. These lads along with Canadian middleweight kingpin Wilf Greaves, Michigan lightweight champion Gene Gresham, Leroy Jeffery, Dave Shoulders and Henry Hank, carry the hopes of the future of boxing here.

▶ Ernest Burford, smooth boxing Cleveland middleweight, has found local opposition much to his liking. Burford, having defeated Wilfie Greaves, Pat Lowry, Billy Gillespie, Floyd Brooks and Henry Hank (a rematch was won by Hank), added the name of Johnny Powell to his list of local victims in a contest held at the Graystone Ballroom.

Burford, 153¾, shook Johnny up thoroughly and dominated the action up to the fifth round when the one-sided mismatch was finally stopped. Powell, 149¾, was down twice when referee Lou Handler finally interceded.

A couple of busy lightweights, Leroy Jeffery, 134, Detroit, and Tommy Johnson, 133¾, Muskegon, saved the show in a well contested ten round co-feature attraction. Jeffery, whose only loss in twelve starts was to Gene Gresham for the state 135 pound title, had to come from behind in the spirited contest, to gain the duke.

Ernest (Sonny) Hill, 164, Detroit turned in his tenth straight triumph with an excellent boxing exhibition over a game Roscoe Shamblin, 164¼, Youngstown, Ohio, in a six.

Another winning streak was extended when Irish Billy Collins, 147, Nashville, Tenn., stopped an outclassed Willie Menifield, 147, Youngstown, for his thirteenth straight at 2:11 of the fifth.

▶ Prospects for an outdoor title go this summer in Saginaw were close to reality, but are now very remote since Mickey Crawford, 156, dropped the duke to a wild swinging Gomeo Brennan, 154¼, at Miami Beach.

Detroiter Billy Hunter has moved to New York. There he beat Bob Baker at the St. Nick ring.

CANADIAN MARITIME NEWS
by Fred Bishop

SYDNEY, N. S.: BOBBY MOORE, 164, SYDNEY, SCORED A STUNNING upset in his first start in two years as he stopped veteran Don Trainor, 163, Charlottetown, P.E.I., in the sixth round of a ten. Trainor had built up an early lead with his smooth left jab but ran into trouble in the fifth as Moore's hard left hooks began to find the range. In the sixth Trainor was met at the bell by a savage barrage of left and rights with a stiff right hook flooring him for an eight count. After taking another nine count Referee Pordena Smith wisely stopped it.

Remainder of the card was made up of pro amateur bouts.

KANSAS CITY AND VICINITY
By Max Yeargain

BUZZ SHAW, CUS D'AMATO'S BRILLIANT YOUNG WELTERWEIGHT SENSATION, fighting his first 10-rounder, had to come from behind, in a thriller, to knock out game Martin Ware of Omaha in 46 seconds of the ninth round, before 1,200 excited fans at Memorial hall, Kansas City, Kansas.

A check of the score cards showed the 143-pound New Yorker was behind on points when the fight went into the seventh round. Ware, 145, although handicapped from the fourth round on with a partly closed right eye, forced the fight much of the time.

Stormy Love, 210, Kansas City, scored his sixth knockout, dropping Irish Billy Everhart, 205, Wichita, with a ripping left hook in 1:43 of the first round. Ray Augustus, 179, Topeka, Kans., who admits 39 years, outboxed Del (Dub) Nabors, 195, Kansas City in 6 rounds. Eddie Fair, 135, Kansas City, won by a technical knockout over Gene (Frenchy) Havenar, 130, when the Wichitan sustained a badly cut eyebrow in 2:40 of the second round. Jimmy (Swede) Anderson, 160, Amarillo, Tex., fighting his first pro bout, decisioned Vernon (Bunny) Smith, 160, Lawrence, Kans., in the four-round opener.

▶ On the fistic front: Buzz Shaw made such a hit with Kansas City fans in his professional debut here, your writer is attempting to sign the former St. Louis Golden Glover to headline the Disabled American Veterans' next semi-monthly card.

LOUISVILLE, KY., BOXING NEWS
By Joe Martin

THE ONLY BOXING IN KENTUCKY LAST MONTH WAS the Golden Gloves. The finals were held at the Jefferson Country Armory and the eight open champions were Fred Stokes, 112; Joe Martin, Jr., 118; Bill Caskey, 126; Herschel Rice, 135; John Hampton, 147; James Ellis, 160; Cassius Clay, 175, and Donnie Hall, heavyweight. The granddaddy of the tournament was Bill Caskey, the 126 pound Champ, who is 30 and who suffered from a heart ailment when he was 14 years old. The baby of the team is Joe Martin, Jr., who was 16 last November. He won the bantamweight title in a jiffy.

The Louisville Police backed the tourney and the receipts amounted to $18,000.

SOUTHERN OHIO JABS
By J. Jimmie Amann

TOMMY HEFFERNAN, CINCINNATI PROMOTERS IN THE MID 1920's passed away on February 15. Tom operated a restaurant in downtown Cincinnati for many years. Although not active in the boxing game after his promotions were finished, Tom always held a deep interest in boxing.

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SWINGS AND HOOKS FROM CENTRAL OHIO
By Les Huffman

CARMEN IACOBUCCI OF CINCINNATI, A STRONG contender for the featherweight championship a few years ago, came out of retirement to meet Raul (Raton) Macias in Mexicali, Mexico, and the little Mexican iced the Ohio fighter in the second heat, sending him back in retirement.

L. C. Morgan, Youngstown, Ohio, lightweight, outpointed Joe Miceli of New York City in ten fast rounds at Phoenix.

▶ Tommy Tibbs, whose home City is Columbus, Ohio, ran into a tarter when he met The Nursery Kid, a little known lightweight in Manila P.I. and was stopped in the fifth round.

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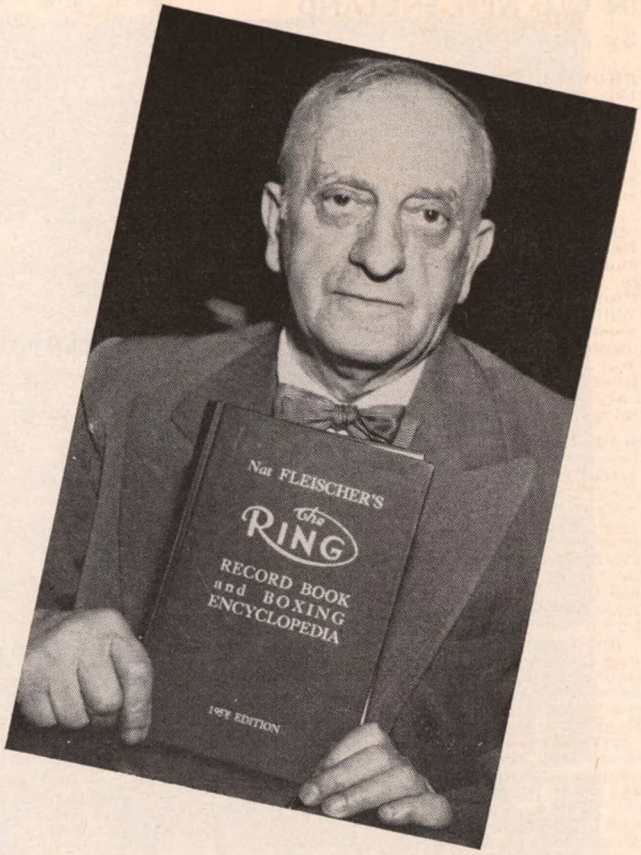

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IN OLD NEW ENGLAND
By Don Hamill

PROVIDENCE — Arcadia — Gene Hamilton, 155½, New York, snapped the winning streak of Al Rose, 152, Brookline, by handing him his first loss in fourteen pro fights. There was one knockdown when Rose was dropped to one knee in the third. There was little action in the bout until the eighth and last round when both fighters made a final bid.

Lee Williams, 209, Boston, found difficulty catching up with substitute Abe Davis, 200, Hartford, but managed to tag his elusive foe and drop him in the fifth of the co-feature to terminate the bout. Dan Prout, 170¼, Providence, had to come off the floor to stop Willie Rice, 169, Sheffield, Mass., in the second. Richie Grissley, 132, Providence, made it four straight when he stopped Richard Jablonski, 135, Hartford, in two heats. Ronnie DeCost, 112, Brockton, also needed only two rounds to stop his opponent, Larry Silva, 115½, Boston.

▶ PROVIDENCE—R. I. Auditorium—Willie Greene, 159, Providence, suffered his first pro defeat and was dethroned by Jackson Brown, 158½, Boston, as New England middleweight king in ten rounds. In their first encounter which Greene won by a kayo Brown was dropped eight times. Greene, after a passive start, was unable to get the Bostonian off his feet. It was Greene who hit the canvas in the fourth round. Willie tried in desperation to land a kayo punch but it was Brown's big night.

Bob Young, 173½, Providence, scored an upset when he gained the New England lightheavyweight title from the brow of hard hitting Billy Ryan, 173¼, Lowell, in ten rounds. Young boxed well, traded with Ryan, scored a knockdown in the third, and survived a seventh round knockdown. Young Beau Jack, Boston middleweight, was disqualified for foul tactics in the third round and Paul Pender of Brookline, was declared the winner. Jimmy Connors, New Bedford, won handily over Paddy Read, of Providence, in a featherweight ten-rounder.

▶ BOSTON—Arena—Joe DeNucci, 164½, Newton, scored a third round tko over Ike Jenkins, 157½, Newark, when the latter was ruled out by the club medic, Dr. Francis Wixted, after it was ascertained that he had suffered a fractured jaw in the second round. A right to the jaw and left to the head had dropped Jenkins just before the bell ended the heat. It later developed that DeNucci was fighting with a shoulder separation received in training.

Eddie Connors, 154, Sharon, scored a clean kayo with a right to the jaw of Lee Williams, 159½, Boston, in the third round of the semi-final. Paul Stivaletta, 147, Dedham, scored four knockdowns in stopping Joe Walker, 141, Roxbury, in two heats. Rico Sacramone, 138, Everett, came from behind to gain a four round decision from Eddie Jones, 140¾, Providence, who battles in his home state under his square name of Dale Jackson. Micky Dwyer, 156, Dorchester, gained the duke in a special five rounder over Sandy Chani, 155½, Hudson. Paddy Gill, 142, Ireland, belted out Joe Gomes, 136, New Bedford, in one frame. Jimmy O'Malley, 148¼, Dorchester, gained the decision over Gene Lewis, 152¾, New York, in a. four rounder.

▶ PROVIDENCE — Arcadia — Paul Pender, 163½, Brookline, left hooked his way to a five round tko over Joe Shaw, 165, New York. Pender's left hand worked to perfection as he battered his stocky foe into submission. Referee Sharkey Buonano called a halt with Shaw wobbly and his left eye shut tight.

Nick Previti, 140, Boston, gained an impressive six round decision over Johnny Taylor, 143½, New York. Guy LoConte, 152, Malden, came off the floor to whip Mike DeFeo, 153, Boston, in six rounds. Al Rose, 147, Boston, gained the decision over Johnny Bradley, 144, New York, in six heats. Dan Prout, 168, Providence, made it six straight with a one round kayo over Willie Wilson, 166, New York.

▶ PROVIDENCE—Arcadia—Tommy Garrow, 138, Claremont, N. H., pounded out a one-sided ten round decision over Pat O'Brien, 141, Ireland, to win the votes of all three officials. Garrow punched sharply and stepped up the pace as the fight progressed to drub the game, durable Irishman, who succeeded in getting in his own licks en route.

Lou Campanelli, 170, Providence, came through with a blistering finish to get a six round duke over Ike Stevenson, 171, Framingham. The remainder of the card ended in one round kayoes: Dick DiVola, 126¾, Boston, finished Lou Giordano, 122¼, Newark; Richie Grissley, 134, Providence, kayoed Ronnie Fairweather, 137, Newark; and Ronnie DeCost, 114, Brockton, stopped Willie Johnson, 120¼, Providence.

▶ CARIBOU, Me.—Babe McCarron, 154, Brownville, won a hard-fought ten round decision over Nick Kovac, 157, Moncton, N. B. Kovac, a Hungarian refugee, made things plenty interesting for the Maine battler who is now stationed at the Presque Isle Air Force Base. The decision favoring McCarron was unanimous.

Gordon Farnsworth, 170, Bangor, gained revenge for a previous decision loss when Bolo Beaulieu, 158, Edmundston, N. B., was unable to answer the bell for the sixth round after having his nose broken in the fifth. Danny Farnsworth, 166, Bangor, battled to a draw with Normand Albert, 172, Madawaska, in a four spot. Young Folsom, 156, Monticello, iced Roy Gamache, 150, Edmundston, in 52 seconds of the first round.

CLEVELAND NEWS
By Harold Walsh

The Golden Gloves finals at the Cleveland Arena attracted more than 10,000 fans on the final night with sixteen very good bouts. Many amateur shows are being staged in Northern Ohio with several professional shows in the making.

Tom Walsh, veteran promoter and manager is back again as publicity man for the Harlem Globe-Trotters and paid visits to Akron and Cleveland where he formerly promoted boxing. Tom is still looking for a heavyweight.

PUGET SOUNDINGS
By Joe Herrera, Jr.

THE RAPID PROGRESS OF HEAVYWEIGHT TERRY LEWIS and lightweight Bobby Hicks has boomed boxing interest in the land of the tall timbers. Lewis, burly 240-pounder out of Spokane, Wash., ran off his 14th and 15th professional wins by polishing off Dave Roy of Vancouver, B. C., in the second round in Spokane and flattening Hank Thurman of Los Angeles in the eighth in Seattle. The Seattle schoolboy, Hicks, only 18 but a brilliant prospect, also continued his unbeaten professional string by disposing of game Joey Lopez in the 7th in Victoria, B. C. It was Bobby's 11th straight win.

▶ Bustling promoter-matchmaker Inigo Lucchesi arranged the Spokane card, assisted in the one at Victoria and sponsored the Seattle show. All three did excellent business.

▶ As an added feature in Victoria, popular Archie Moore boxed a lively four-round exhibition with Eddie Cotton. It was the first fight card staged in Victoria in several years, and attracted an enthusiastic crowd of 3,000.

▶ Lucchesi is making fine progress with his "new talent" developments. Along with Lewis and Hicks, he has several other likely youngsters coming along, among them light-heavyweight Bob McKinney of Tacoma, who bombed Bob Peacock of Portland into submission in four rounds on the Victoria card.

DOWN ARIZONA WAY
By Al Fenn

PROMOTER PAAVO KETONEN HAS KEPT THE BALL ROLLING AND provided attractive bouts for the fistic minded public at Phoenix.

L. C. Morgan, 145, one-time ranked lightweiht, won a 10-round decision over Joe Miceli, 146, New York.

Floyd Joyner, 187, won a TKO from Larry Melton, 184, Luke Air Base, in 2:50 of the fourth; Joe Shaw, 134, stopped Tony Cadena, 128, San Diego, in 1:57 of the second, both scheduled sixes; Leonard Monti, 148, Tempe, stopped Nino Pascal, 145, Tucson, in 2:13 of the first; and Charles Austin, 159, lost a TKO in 2:20 of the fourth from Rudy Smith, 158, Phoenix, in scheduled fours. Austin, a former Golden Gloves champion, hails from Phoenix.

▶ CAGY MILO SAVAGE, 159, SALT LAKE CITY, floored young Tony Montano, 158, Phoenix in the fourth and went on to stop him in the seventh at Phoenix Madison Square Garden. The six-round semi-final was a brusing battle of heavyweights in which Roy Bullock, making his first start since fighting Mike DeJohn in April 1956, won a TKO over Floyd Joyner, 192, Phoenix. Bullock, 193, former Eastern Golden Gloves champion from Freeport, N. Y., cut Joyner severely over the eye and Dr. Charles Kalil stopped it at 2:35 of the fifth. Bullock, a promising heavy is handled by Your's Truly.

In another scheduled heavyweight six, Bayou Hart, 189, Phoenix, floored Junior Williams, 198, Tucson, with a stiff left jab and then put him away with a right in 1:39 of the first. Loui Gorduno, 150, Mesa, stopped Gopher Smith, 150, Phoenix in 1:23 of the second and Irish Bobby Howe, 166, and Jimmy Simmons, 159, both of Phoenix, fought to a four-round draw.

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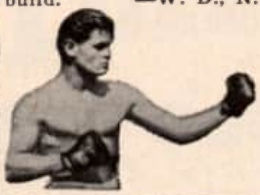

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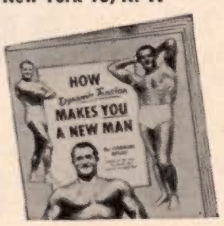

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